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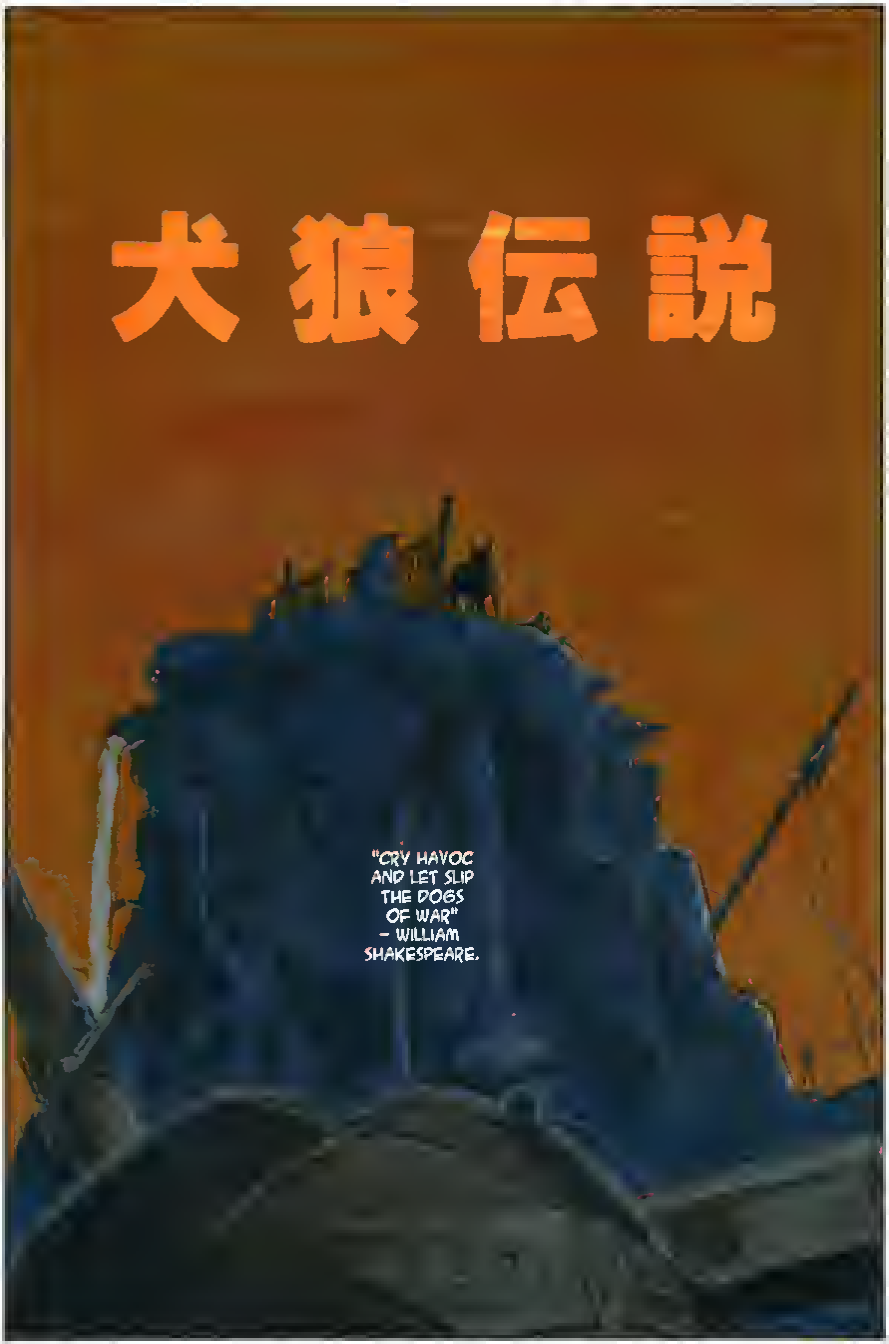
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"CRY HAVOC AND LET SLIP THE DOGS OF WAR" - WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE.

XX YEARS SINCE THAT
FATEFUL DEFEAT IN WAR...
AFTER FINALLY ESCAPING
FROM THE TURMOIL IT WENT
THROUGH UNDER MILITARY
OCCUPATIONAL RULE,
THIS COUNTRY UNDERWENT
RAPID ECONOMIC
RESTRUCTURING IN AIMS
OF ACHIEVING SHARP
ECONOMIC GROWTH AND
REJOINING THE
INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY,
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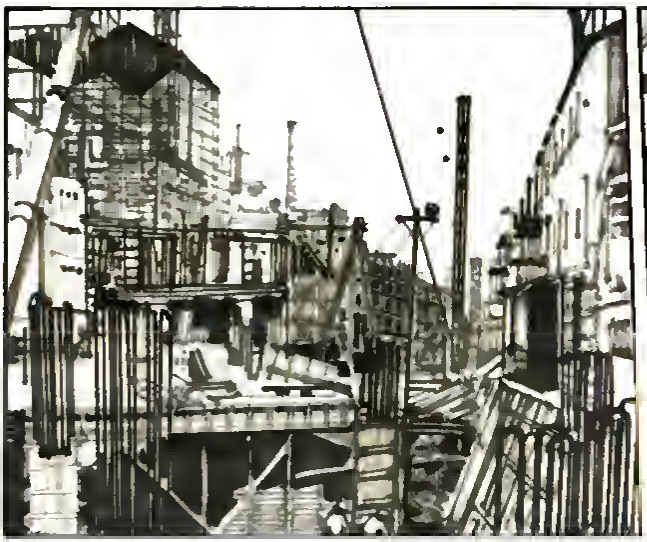
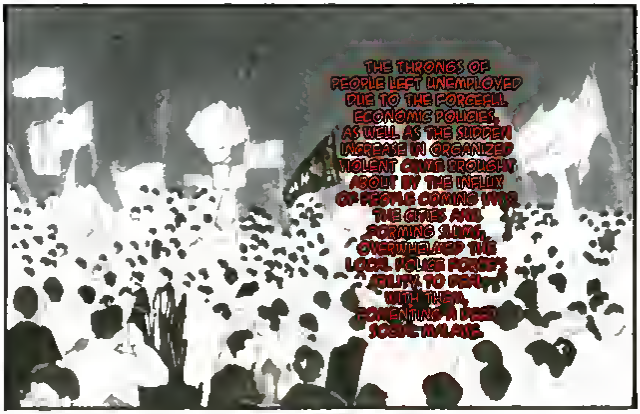
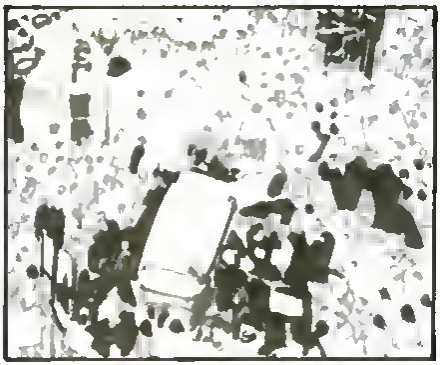
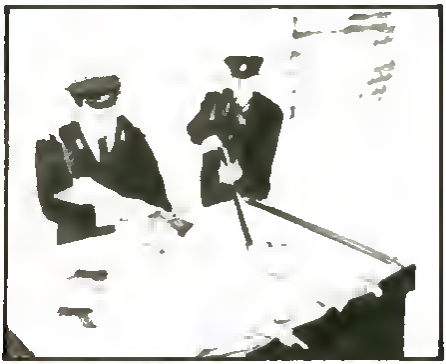
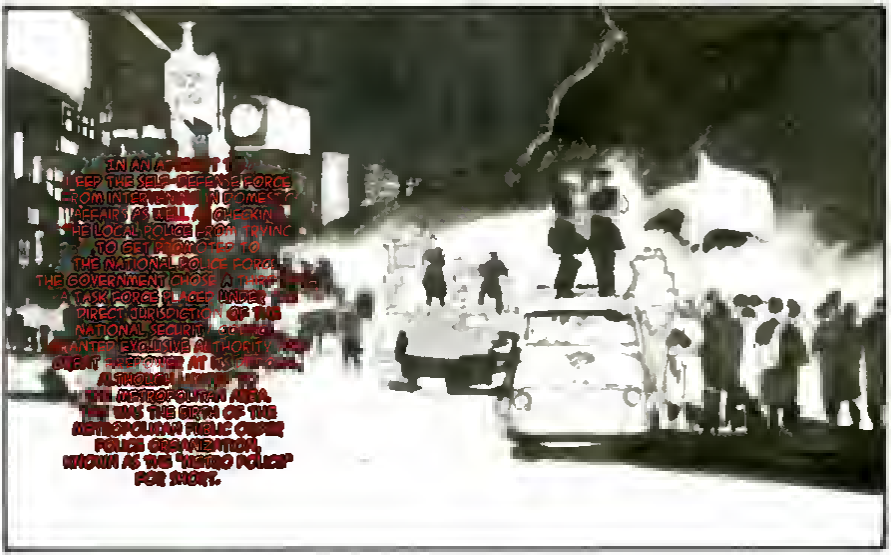


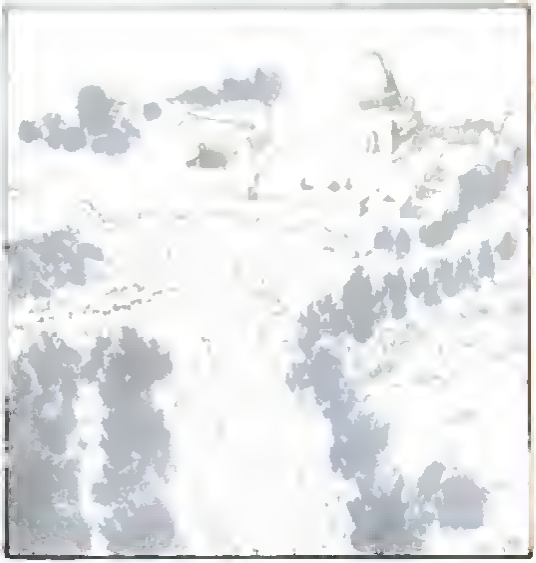

THE THRONGS OF PEOPLE LEFT UNEMPLOYED DUE TO THE FORCEFUL ECONOMIC POLICIES, AS WELL AS THE SUDDEN INCREASE IN ORGANIZED VIOLENT CRIME BROUGHT ABOUT BY THE INFLUX OF PEOPLE COMING INTO THE CITIES AND FORMING SLUMS, OVERWHELMED THE LOCAL POLICE FORCE'S ABILITY TO DEAL WITH THEM. SOMETHING HAD BECOME NECESSARY.

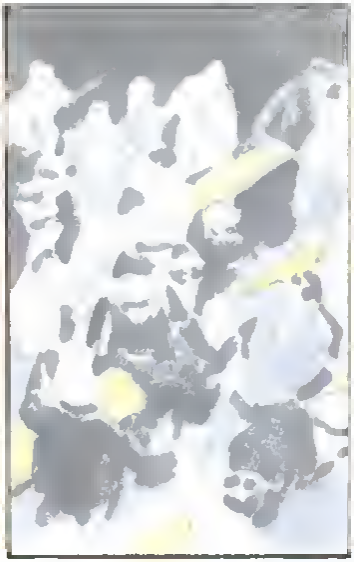


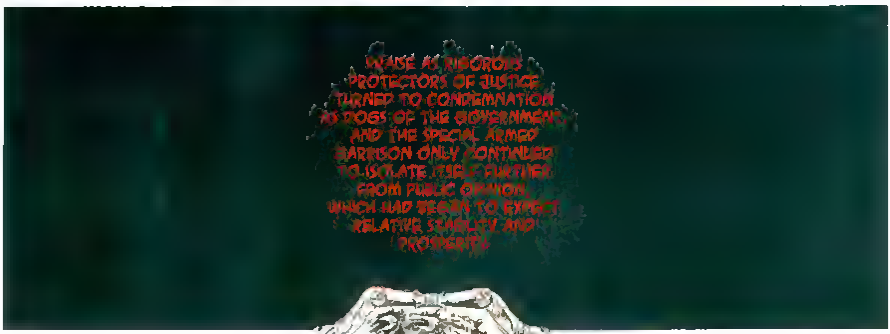


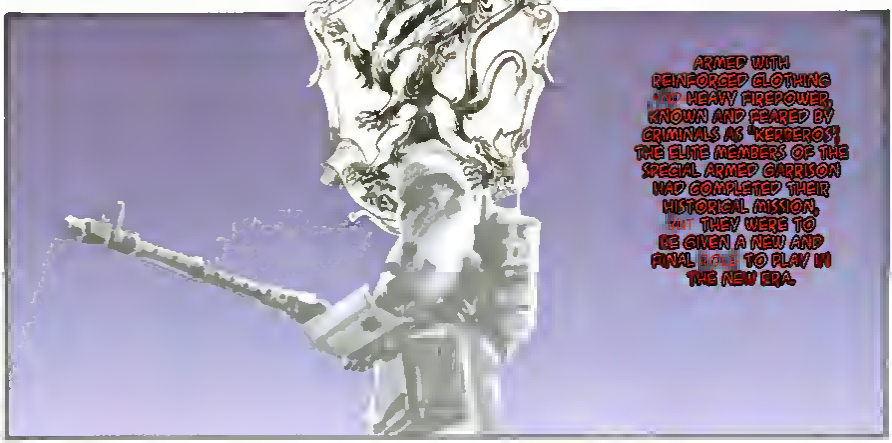

IN AN ATTEMPT TO KEEP THE SELF-DEFENSE FORCE FROM INTERVENING IN DOMESTIC AFFAIRS AS WELL AS CHECKING THE LOCAL POLICE FROM TRYING TO GET FROM ONE TO THE NATIONAL POLICE FORCE, THE GOVERNMENT CHOSE A THIRD WAY. A TASK FORCE PLACED UNDER THE DIRECT JURISDICTION OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL GRANTED EXCLUSIVE AUTHORITY AND JURISDICTION AT ITS DISCRETION. ALTHOUGH INITIALLY IN THE METROPOLITAN AREA, THIS WAS THE BIRTH OF THE METROPOLITAN PUBLIC ORDER POLICE ORGANIZATION, KNOWN AS THE "METRO POLICE" FOR SHORT.

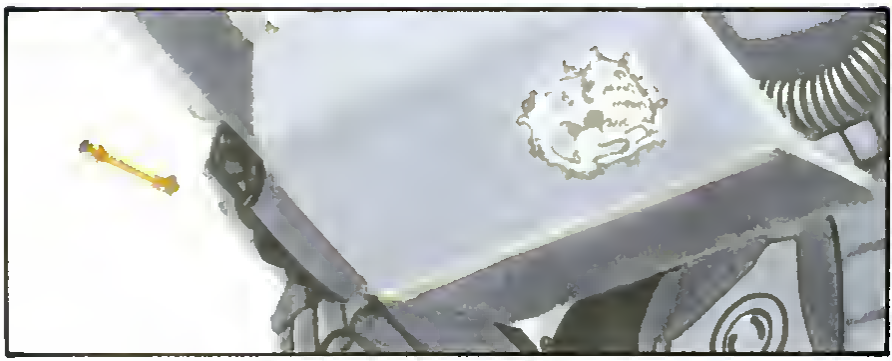
THE CONFLICT BETWEEN POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS, WHICH WERE ALL DRIVEN DEEP INTO ILLEGALITY DUE TO A VARIETY OF LEGISLATIVE MEASURES ESPECIALLY ARMED GROUPS KNOWN AS "SECTS", AND THE "REGIONAL ARMED GARRISON" THAT MAKES UP THE METRO POLICE'S CORE, WOULD OFTEN TAKE THE FORM OF CITY WARFARE.
THE "METRO POLICE" WENT ON TO USE ITS SPEEDY MOBILITY AND POWERFUL OFFENSIVE CAPABILITIES TO WIN GLORY FOR ITSELF IN THE CAPITAL AS THE GUARD DOG OF PUBLIC ORDER, AND QUICKLY BECAME EVEN MIGHTIER AS THE 3RD ARMED DIVISION. HOWEVER, THE SITUATION CHANGED GREATLY WHEN THE ENEMIES THEY HAD BEEN FACING CHANGED FROM ARMED ROBBERS AND






WHAT AS HEROIC PROTECTORS OF JUSTICE TURNED TO CONDEMNATION AS DOGS OF THE GOVERNMENT, AND THE SPECIAL ARMED GARRISON ONLY CONTINUED TO ISOLATE ITSELF FURTHER FROM PUBLIC OPINION WHICH HAD BEGUN TO EXPECT RELATIVE STABILITY AND PROSPERITY.


ARMED WITH REINFORCED CLOTHING AND HEAVY FIREPOWER, KNOWN AND FEARED BY CRIMINALS AS "KERBEROS", THE ELITE MEMBERS OF THE SPECIAL ARMED GARRISON HAD COMPLETED THEIR HISTORICAL MISSION, BUT THEY WERE TO BE GIVEN A NEW AND FINAL ROLE TO PLAY IN THE NEW ERA.



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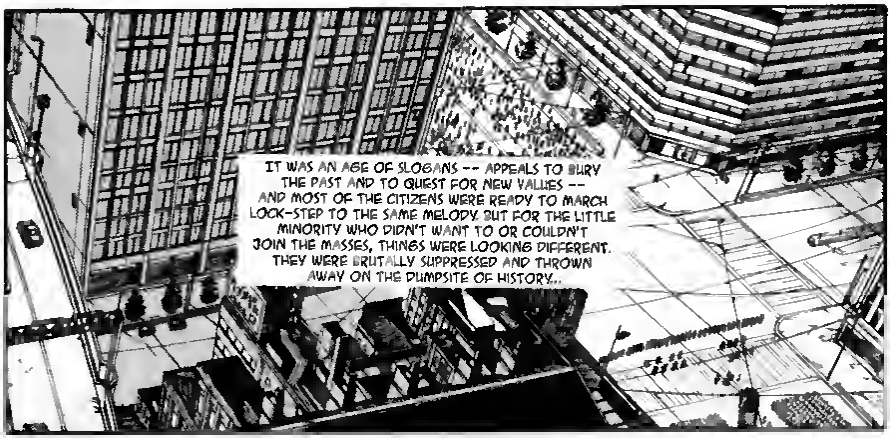
IT WAS AN AGE OF SLOGANS -- APPEALS TO BURY THE PAST AND TO QUEST FOR NEW VALLIES -- AND MOST OF THE CITIZENS WERE READY TO MARCH LOCK-STEP TO THE SAME MELODY. BUT FOR THE LITTLE MINORITY WHO DIDN'T WANT TO OR COULDN'T JOIN THE MASSES, THINGS WERE LOOKING DIFFERENT. THEY WERE BRUTALLY SUPPRESSED AND THROWN AWAY ON THE DUMPSITE OF HISTORY...

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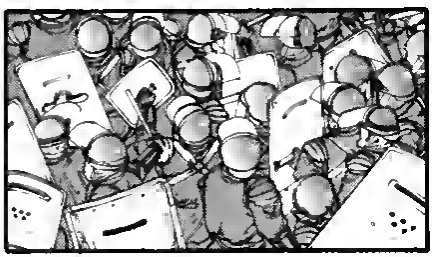

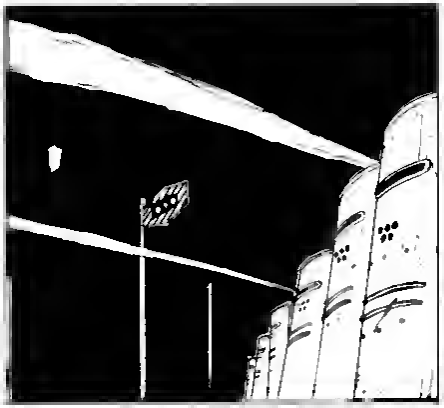

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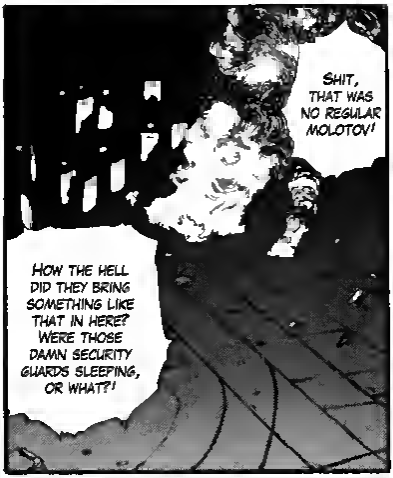
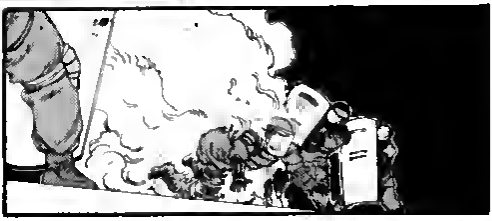

SHIT, THAT WAS NO REGULAR MOLOTOV!
HOW THE HELL DID THEY BRING SOMETHING LIKE THAT IN HERE? WERE THOSE DAMN SECURITY GUARDS SLEEPING, OR WHAT?!



AND HERE'S ANOTHER LITTLE BONUS FOR YOU -- THERE'S ONLY ONE SO DON'T WASTE IT!
PLUS AN EXTRA BOX OF HOMEMADE MOLOTOV COCKTAILS COMING RIGHT UP. THERE'S MORE WHERE THAT CAME FROM!
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GIVE ORDERS TO THE MEN IN THE FIRST ROW TO PULLBACK, AND BRING THE RIOT CARS IN POSITION!
TELL THOSE IDIOTS IN THE WATER CANNONS THAT I WANT THOSE DAMN GUNS AT FULL POWER! DON'T LET THOSE BASTARDS GET INTO THROWING RANGE!
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RADIO CALL FROM RIOT SQUAD, COMMANDO TWO, AKASAKA - SECTION FOUR! WE'VE GOT A VIOLENT GROUP OF AT LEAST 3000 PEOPLE HERE WHO BLOCK THE STREET! I REPEAT, AKASAKA SECTION

KERBEROS
PANZER
COP
ACT 1
THE FORSAKEN DOG
HERE AIR SURVEILLANCE UNIT SAKURA 12! THE 2000 ANTI-WAR DEMONSTRANTS WHO WERE MOVING TOWARD YOYOGI BEFORE HAVE CHANGED DIRECTIONS AND ARE NOW HEADING SOUTH!
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LISTEN, IF THOSE 2000 POLITICALS RADICALS ARRIVE HERE, IT WOULD BE LIKE POURING OIL ON FIRE! OR YOU HAVE A BETTER IDEA?
THIS STUFF BURNS QUITE WELL.
IF WE DISPATCH OUR BACKUP BATTALION AND THEY BREAK THROUGH OUR LINES, THEN OUR ONLY ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE TO ESCAPE.
FORGET IT!
ARE YOU IMPLYING THAT THERE ARE SECT MEMBERS IN THE MOB?!
NOT THE KIND OF STUFF THAT AMATEURS ARE CAPABLE TO PRODUCE NORMALLY
MUST BE A NEW SORT OF MOLOTOV COCKTAIL MADE OUT OF MAGNESIUM OR NAPALM
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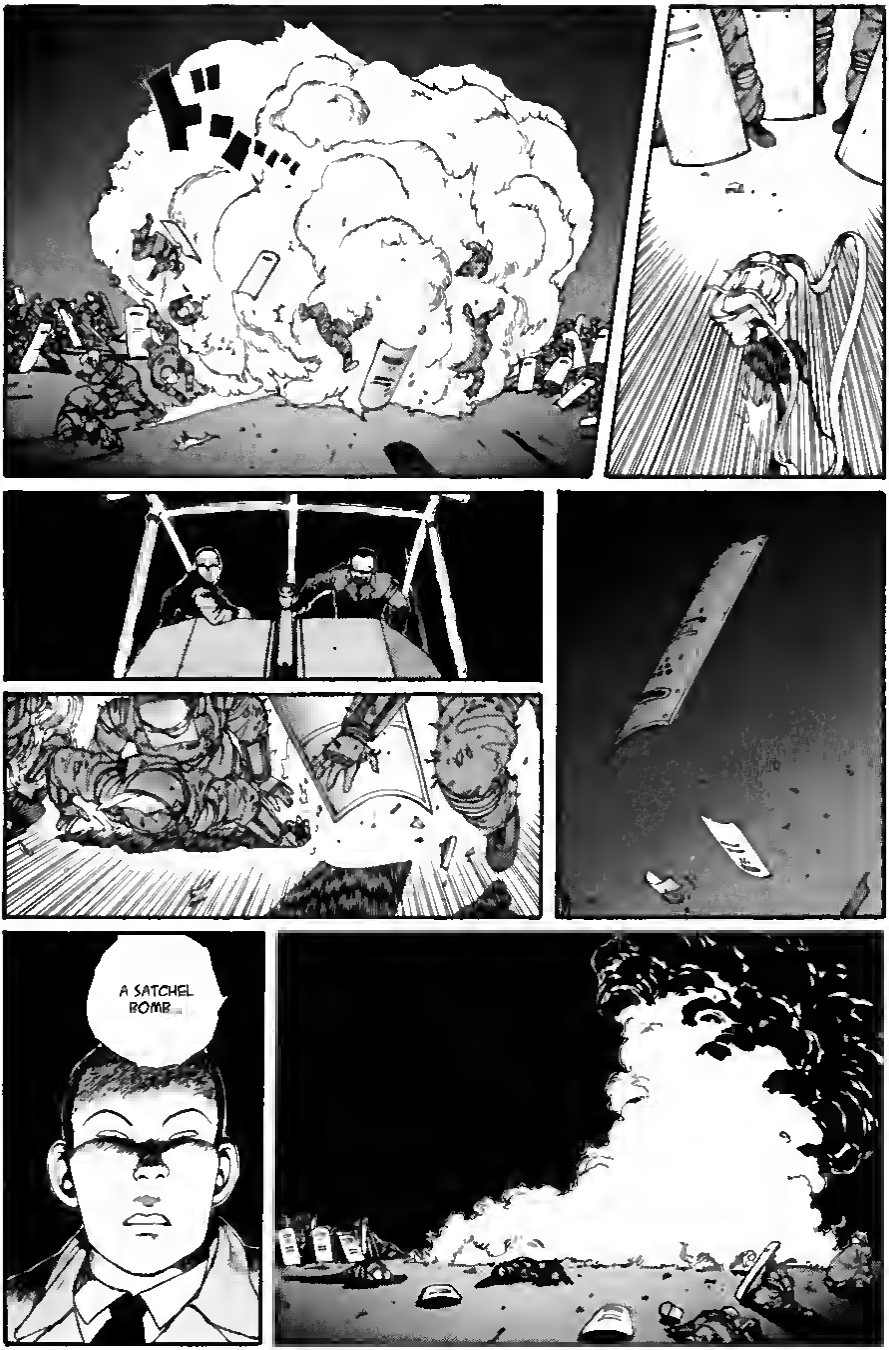
HAJIME, HAND
HIJAAH!
WHO KNOWS? IN ANY CASE, THEY'RE NOTHING MORE THAN A SIMPLE-MINDED RIOT IF WE ATTACK NOW, WE COULD BREAK THEM UP IN ONE CHARGE WITH SOME LUCK, WE COULD EVEN ARREST SOME OF THEM
KEEP YOUR DAMN ADVICES FOR YOURSELF! THIS MAY BE A COMBINED ACTION WITH THE METROPOLITAN POLICE, BUT THE CAPITAL POLICE STILL HAVE AUTHORITY HERE!
BUT IN CASE WE ATTACK, THEN IT'S NOW OR NEVER OR IT WON'T BE WORTH IT.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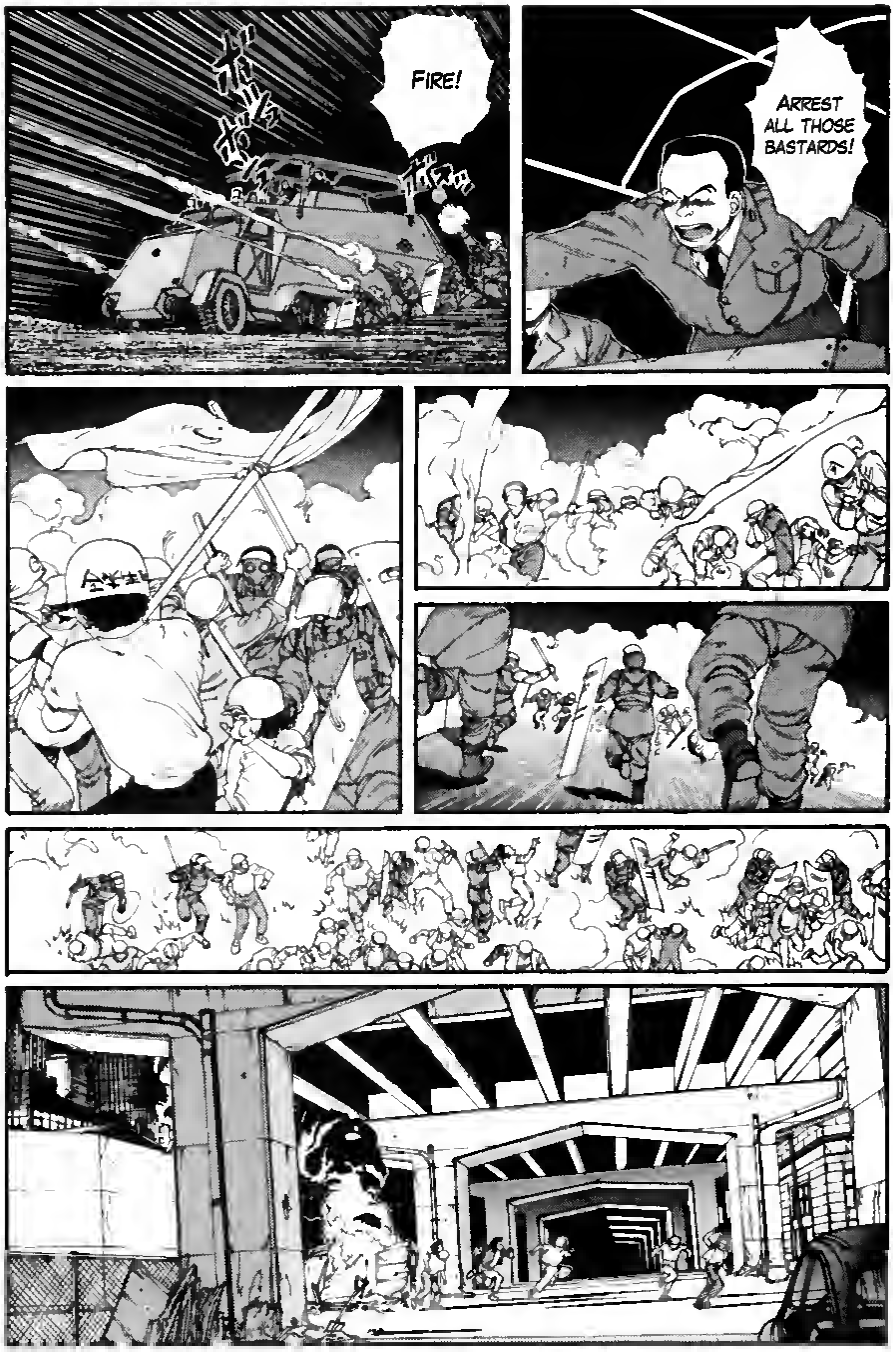
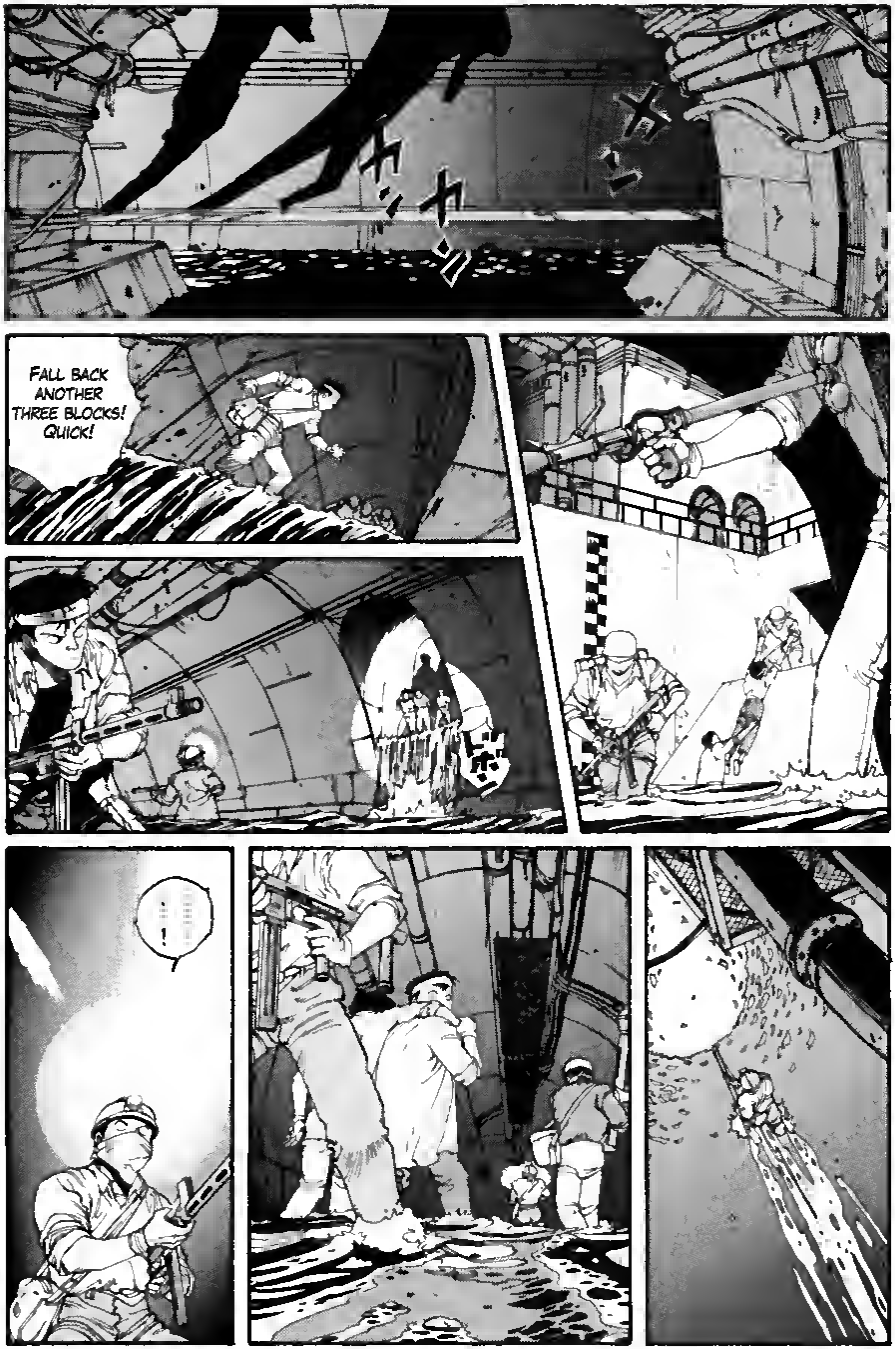

FIRE!
ARREST ALL THOSE BASTARDS!


FALL BACK ANOTHER THREE BLOCKS! QUICK!
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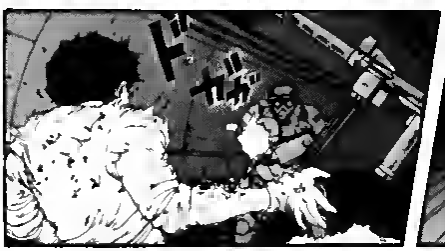
DROP THE EQUIPMENT AND RUN!!
IT'S THE DAMN PANZER COPS!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I CAN'T WALK ANYMORE, I WANNA GO HOME!
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I GUESS THE SUBWAY ISN'T AN OPTION... I'M SORRY, I DIDN'T THOUGHT THE PROTEST WOULD GET OUT OF CONTROL LIKE THAT.
FREEZE!
PUT YOUR HANDS WHERE I CAN SEE THEM AND DON'T MOVE!

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STOP HESITATING AND HELP!
DON'T BE A FOOL! CAN'T YOU SEE THAT HE'S HEAVILY INJURED?! HE NEEDS HELP!
ズ!!
NOW!
CLICK

EEEEEK!
WHY DID YOU KILL HIM.?
!?
WHY DID YOU HAVE TO KILL HIM YOU DUMB PIG!!

IF WE WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN THERE YOU WOULD BE RUNNING AROUND LIKE A HEADLESS CHICKEN! WHY DID YOU LOWER YOUR GUN?!
THERE WAS A CIVILIAN IN MY LINE OF SIGHT
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YOU GODDAMN SONOVA-BITCH!
THOSE DISGUSTING SECT PIGS ARE NOT JUST A BUNCH OF SMALL TOWN CRIMINALS AND STREET ROWDIES!
LISTEN JACKASS!
HOW DO YOU KNOW THE WOMAN WASN'T A MEMBER OF THE SECT DISGUISED AS AN INNOCENT PROTESTOR?!
THESE ASSHOLES ARE READY TO DO EVERYTHING. AND I MEAN EVERYTHING TO ACHIEVE THEIR GOALS! THEY ARE A BUNCH OF DAMN FANATIC PSYCHOPATHS AND THEY THINK THEY ARE RIGHT!
AND WE'RE THE ONES DEALING WITH PEOPLE LIKE THOSE HERE!

IF NOT, THEN FLUSH AWAY ALL THAT CRAP YOU'VE BEEN TAUGHT AT THE CAPITAL POLICE AT ONCE!
WOULD YOU LIKE TO DIE WITHOUT KNOWING WHY?!
IF YOU DON'T SHOOT THOSE FUCKHEAD FIRST THEY'LL KILL YOU!
LOOK, OUR DUTY IS NEITHER INVESTIGATION NOR SECURITY IT'S WAR!!
HE WAS THE ONLY APPLICANT FOR THE EXCHANGE PROGRAM WITH THE BLOKES OF CAPITAL POLICE... AND HERE THEY PUT HIM INTO A BATTLE UNIT! ONLY BECAUSE ANIYA IS SO OBSESSED ABOUT COOPERATING WITH THE METRO POLICE HE THOUGHT IT WOULD MAKE A GOOD IMPRESSION POLITICAL-WISE... AT LEAST HE HOPED THAT THE BAD RUMORS ABOUT THE METRO POLICE WOULD GO DOWN THAT WAY
6TH RIOT SQUAD 2
WHO'S GIVEN A ROAST-ING2
HE CAME TO THE SECOND PLATOON TWO MONTHS AGO. I HEARD HE WAS IN KATSUSHIMA'S RAIDING PATROL BEFORE
SHIT... IT'S CRAZY TO PUT HIM ON THE FRONT LINE THIS QUICK
I MEAN DOES THIS FAGGOT EVEN KNOW WHAT HE GOT HIMSELF INVOLVED INTO
EVEN IF HE WOULD KNOW WOULD IT MAKE SUCH A BIG DIFFER-ENCE2

*THE 6TH RIOT SQUAD OF THE CAPITAL POLICE WAS STATIONED AT KATSUSHIMA ISLAND

MOST OF THE PROTESTORS THERE ARE MODEST CITIZENS THAT HAVE SOME DOUBTS ABOUT OUR SOCIETY AND BELIEVE SOME SHALLOW SPEECH. BUT ONCE THEY'VE BEEN ARRESTED AND QUESTIONED BY THE SECURITY FORCES, THE TREATMENT THAT THE POLICE GIVES THEM CAN TURN THEM INTO POLITICAL RADICALS... AT LEAST THAT'S WHAT THE SECT IS HOPING FOR.
HOW DO YOU KNOW THE WOMAN WASN'T A MEMBER OF THE SECT, DISGUISED AS AN INNOCENT PROTESTOR?
BECAUSE SOMEDAY ONE OF THOSE "MODEST CITIZENS" WOULD POINT A GUN AT YOU!
SO YOU BETTER WATCH OUT!
SOME OF THEM RETURN TO THE PROTESTS AND GET ARRESTED AGAIN WHICH TURNS THEM TO PERSONA NON GRATA AT SCHOOL OR AT WORK. THEN THEY'RE RIPE TO BE RECRUITED BY THE SECT.
WHY DID YOU COME TO THIS UNIT?
THE TOP BRASS DON'T WORRY ABOUT KILLING SOMEONE. THEIR LIVES ARE NOT AT RISK.
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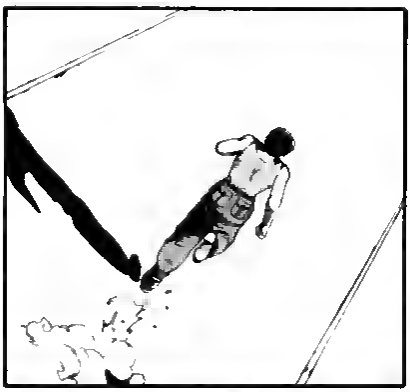
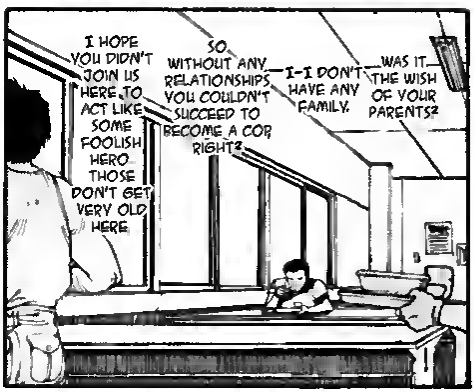
WHY DID YOU ENROLL HERE?




I HOPE YOU DIDN'T JOIN US HERE TO ACT LIKE SOME FOOLISH HERO. THOSE DON'T GET VERY OLD HERE.
SO, WITHOUT ANY RELATIONSHIPS YOU COULDN'T SUCCEED TO BECOME A COP, RIGHT?
I-I DON'T HAVE ANY FAMILY.
WAS IT THE WISH OF YOUR PARENTS?

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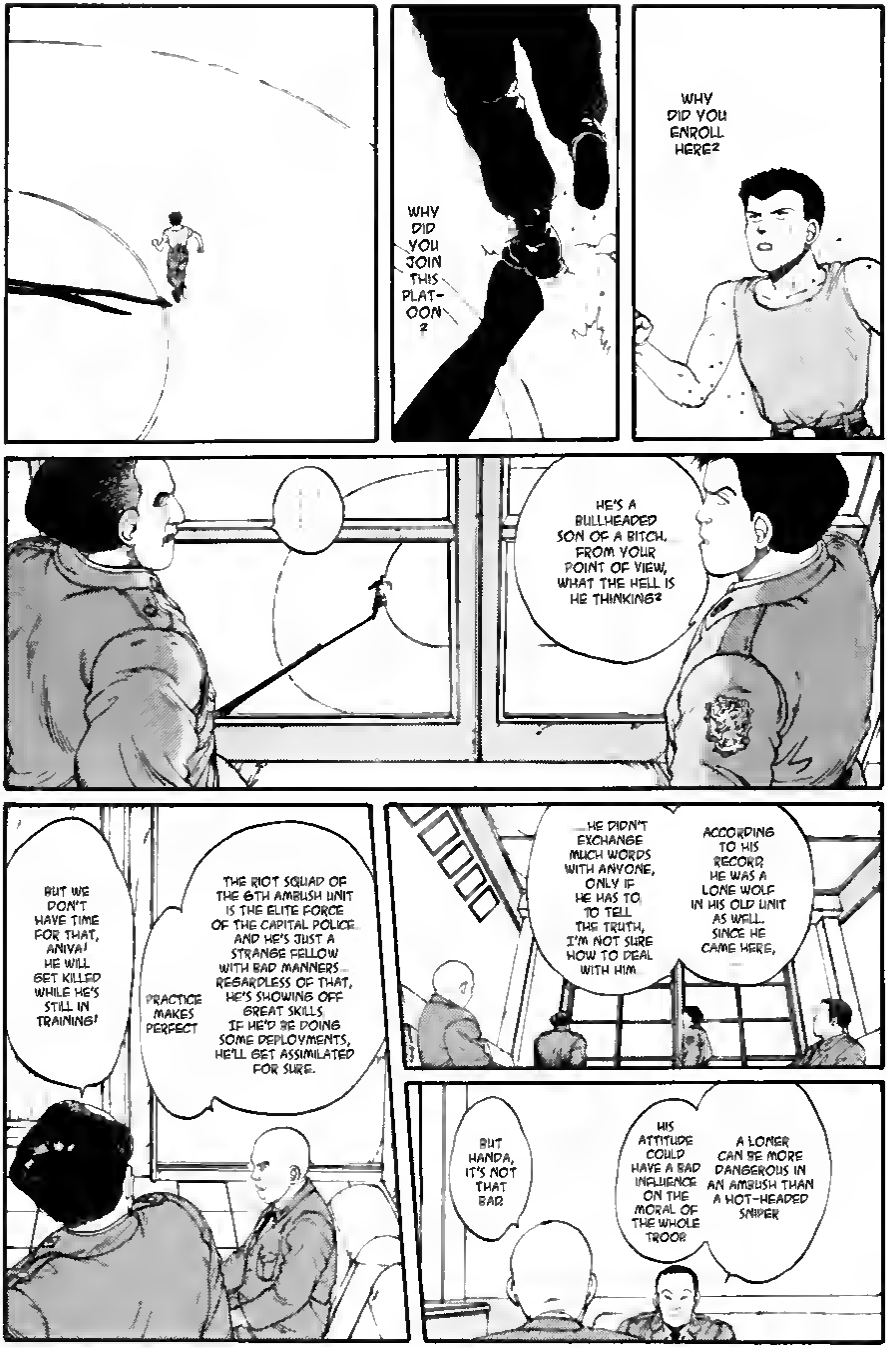
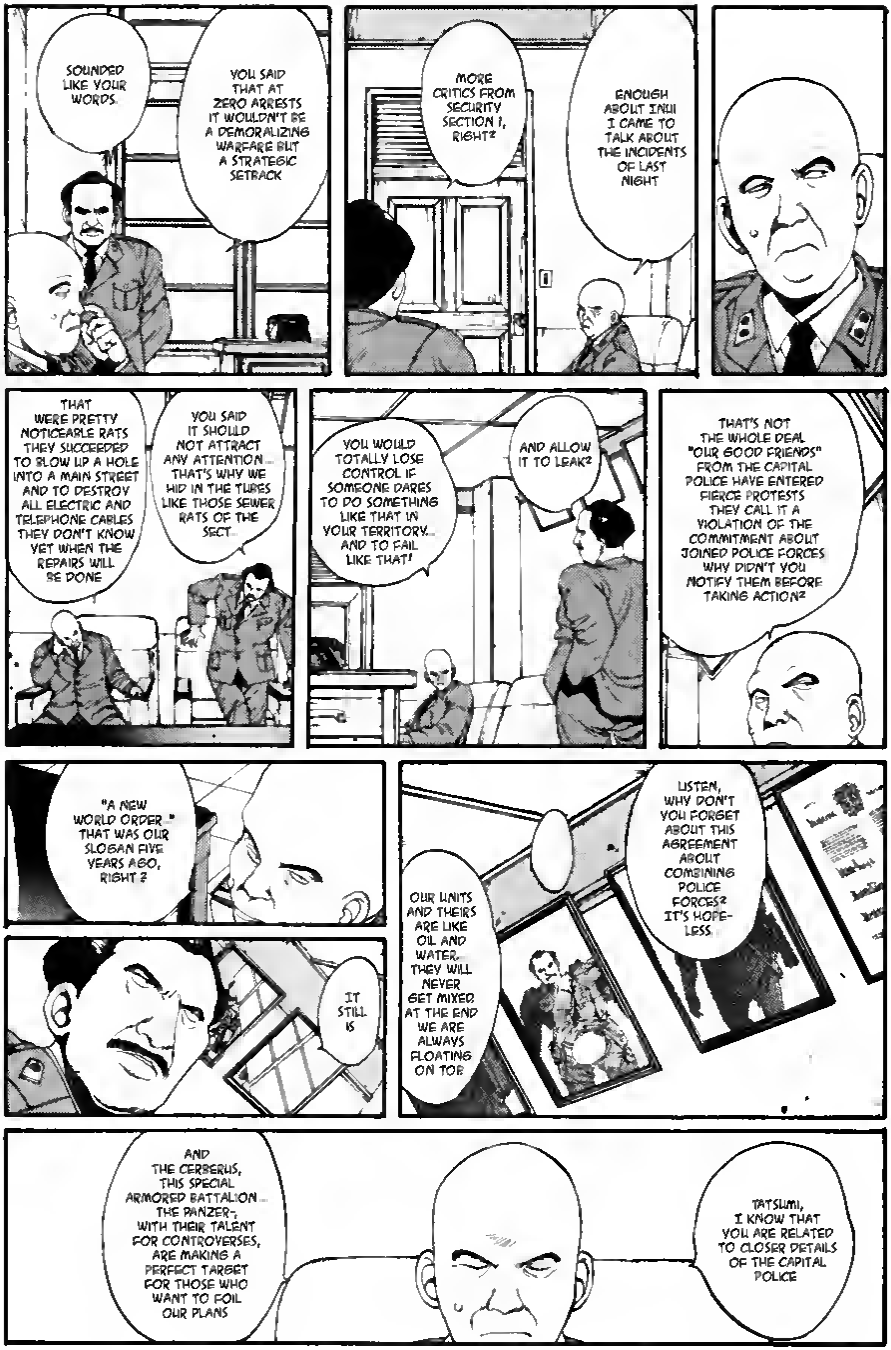
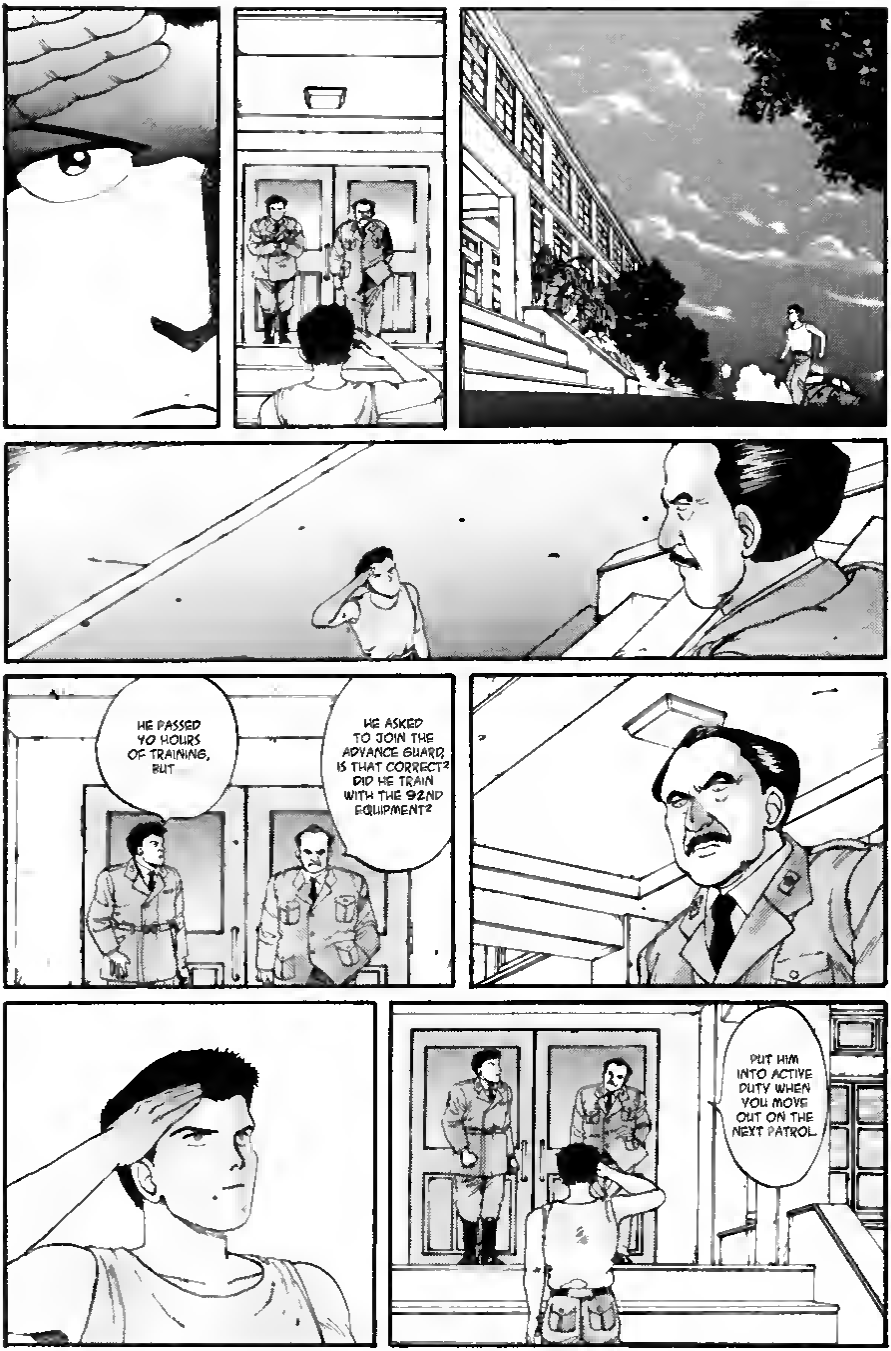
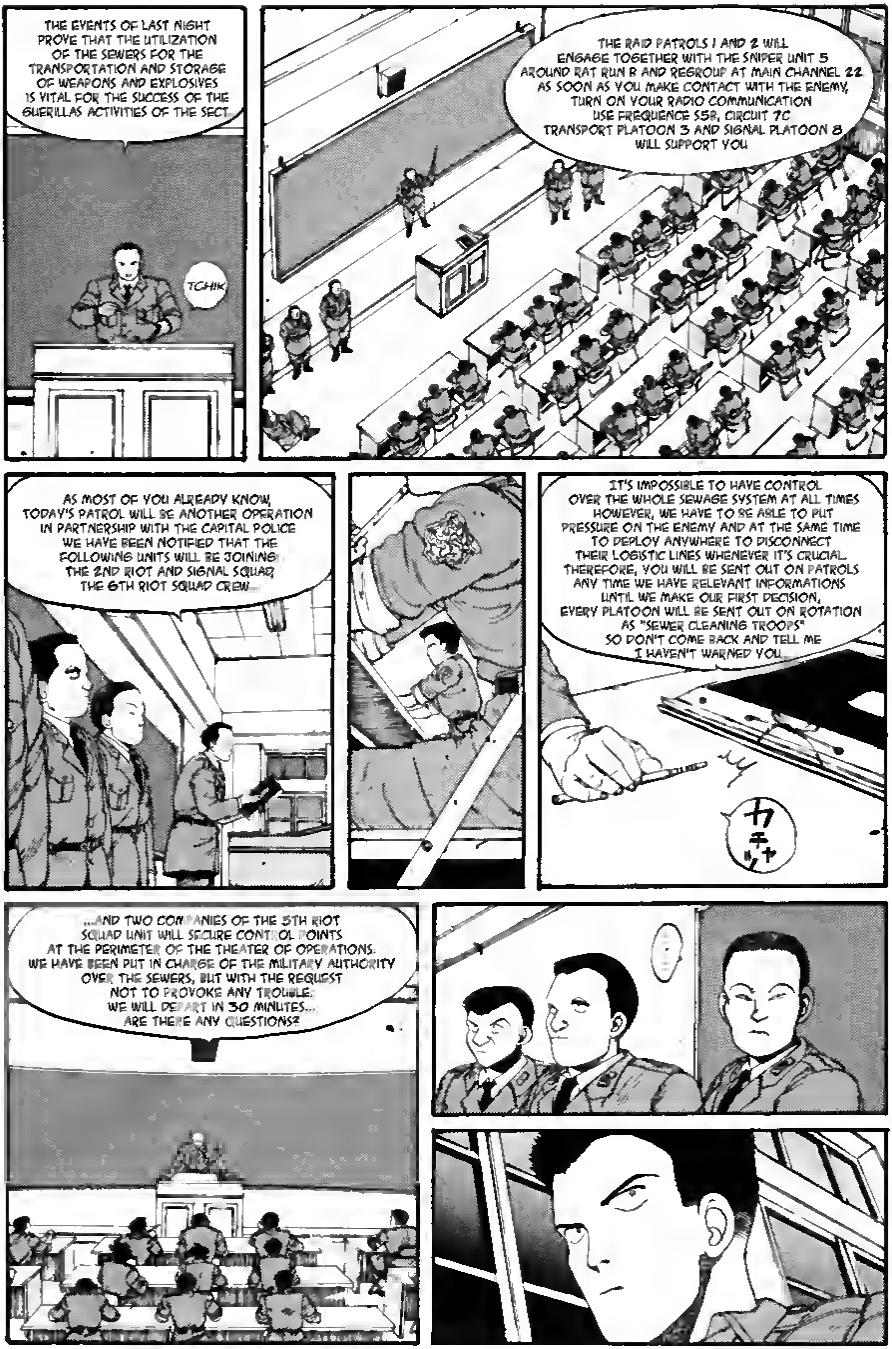

WHY DID YOU JOIN THIS PLAT-OON?
WHY DID YOU ENROLL HERE?
HE'S A BULLHEADED SON OF A BITCH. FROM YOUR POINT OF VIEW, WHAT THE HELL IS HE THINKING?
BUT WE DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THAT, ANIYA! HE WILL GET KILLED WHILE HE'S STILL IN TRAINING!
THE RIOT SQUAD OF THE 6TH AMBUSH UNIT IS THE ELITE FORCE OF THE CAPITAL POLICE AND HE'S JUST A STRANGE FELLOW WITH BAD MANNERS... REGARDLESS OF THAT, HE'S SHOWING OFF GREAT SKILLS IF HE'D BE DOING SOME DEPLOYMENTS, HE'LL GET ASSIMILATED FOR SURE.
PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT
...HE DIDN'T EXCHANGE MUCH WORDS WITH ANYONE, ONLY IF HE HAS TO. TO TELL THE TRUTH, I'M NOT SURE HOW TO DEAL WITH HIM.
ACCORDING TO HIS RECORD, HE WAS A LONE WOLF IN HIS OLD UNIT AS WELL. SINCE HE CAME HERE,
BUT HANDA, IT'S NOT THAT BAD.
HIS ATTITUDE COULD HAVE A BAD INFLUENCE ON THE MORAL OF THE WHOLE TROOP.
A LONER CAN BE MORE DANGEROUS IN AN AMBUSH THAN A HOT-HEADED SNIPER


SOUNDED LIKE YOUR WORDS.
YOU SAID THAT AT ZERO ARRESTS IT WOULDN'T BE A DEMORALIZING WARFARE BUT A STRATEGIC SETBACK
MORE CRITICS FROM SECURITY SECTION 1, RIGHT?
ENOUGH ABOUT INUI I CAME TO TALK ABOUT THE INCIDENTS OF LAST NIGHT
THAT WERE PRETTY NOTICEABLE RATS THEY SUCCEEDED TO BLOW UP A HOLE INTO A MAIN STREET AND TO DESTROY ALL ELECTRIC AND TELEPHONE CABLES THEY DON'T KNOW YET WHEN THE REPAIRS WILL BE DONE
YOU SAID IT SHOULD NOT ATTRACT ANY ATTENTION... THAT'S WHY WE HID IN THE TUBES LIKE THOSE SEWER RATS OF THE SECT...
YOU WOULD TOTALLY LOSE CONTROL IF SOMEONE DARES TO DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT IN YOUR TERRITORY... AND TO FAIL LIKE THAT!
AND ALLOW IT TO LEAK?
THAT'S NOT THE WHOLE DEAL "OUR GOOD FRIENDS" FROM THE CAPITAL POLICE HAVE ENTERED FIERCE PROTESTS THEY CALL IT A VIOLATION OF THE COMMITMENT ABOUT JOINED POLICE FORCES WHY DIDN'T YOU NOTIFY THEM BEFORE TAKING ACTION?
"A NEW WORLD ORDER." THAT WAS OUR SLOGAN FIVE YEARS AGO, RIGHT?
IT STILL IS
OUR UNITS AND THEIRS ARE LIKE OIL AND WATER... THEY WILL NEVER GET MIXED AT THE END WE ARE ALWAYS FLOATING ON TOP
LISTEN, WHY DON'T YOU FORGET ABOUT THIS AGREEMENT ABOUT COMBINING POLICE FORCES? IT'S HOPELESS.
AND THE CERBERUS, THIS SPECIAL ARMORED BATTALION... THE PANZER-, WITH THEIR TALENT FOR CONTROVERSES, ARE MAKING A PERFECT TARGET FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO FOIL OUR PLANS
TATSUMI, I KNOW THAT YOU ARE RELATED TO CLOSER DETAILS OF THE CAPITAL POLICE

YES?
OH, BECAUSE OF THE RECRUIT
PROMISE ME TO BE CAREFUL.
NO, THANKS. A CERBERUS ESCORT WOULD PULL ONLY MORE ATTENTION. CALL MY CAR.
CAN I TAKE YOU WITH ME? THERE ARE A LOT OF TERRORISTS ATTACK AT VIPS AT THE MOMENT.
AS FAR AS IT CONCERNS, YOU LOOK AT HIM AS A POTENTIAL TRAITOR, BUT WHAT'S IMPORTANT IS THAT THE PANZER ADOPT HIM, NOT HOW LONG HE STAYS ALIVE.
YOU DID WHAT YOU COULD TO PROHIBIT HIS ENROLLMENT.
WE ARE NOT SOME PROVINCAL MILITARY SITE THAT CAN COMFORT ANY REGULAR OFFICER THAT YOU SEND US! EVEN IF WE PUT HIM INTO THE REAR GUARD, WE CAN'T PROTECT HIM FROM UNPREDICTABLE EVENTS AT THE FRONT. DID YOU THOUGHT AROUT THAT?


HE PASSED 40 HOURS OF TRAINING, BUT
HE ASKED TO JOIN THE ADVANCE GUARD, IS THAT CORRECT? DID HE TRAIN WITH THE 92ND EQUIPMENT?
PUT HIM INTO ACTIVE DUTY WHEN YOU MOVE OUT ON THE NEXT PATROL.


THE EVENTS OF LAST NIGHT PROVE THAT THE UTILIZATION OF THE SEWERS FOR THE TRANSPORTATION AND STORAGE OF WEAPONS AND EXPLOSIVES IS VITAL FOR THE SUCCESS OF THE GUERILLAS ACTIVITIES OF THE SECT.
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THE RAID PATROLS 1 AND 2 WILL ENGAGE TOGETHER WITH THE SNIPER UNIT 5 AROUND RAT RUN R AND REGROUP AT MAIN CHANNEL 22 AS SOON AS YOU MAKE CONTACT WITH THE ENEMY, TURN ON YOUR RADIO COMMUNICATION USE FREQUENCE 558, CIRCUIT 7C TRANSPORT PLATOON 3 AND SIGNAL PLATOON 8 WILL SUPPORT YOU
AS MOST OF YOU ALREADY KNOW, TODAY'S PATROL WILL BE ANOTHER OPERATION IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CAPITAL POLICE WE HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED THAT THE FOLLOWING UNITS WILL BE JOINING: THE 2ND RIOT AND SIGNAL SQUAD THE 6TH RIOT SQUAD CREW...
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO HAVE CONTROL OVER THE WHOLE SEWAGE SYSTEM AT ALL TIMES HOWEVER, WE HAVE TO BE ABLE TO PUT PRESSURE ON THE ENEMY AND AT THE SAME TIME TO DEPLOY ANYWHERE TO DISCONNECT THEIR LOGISTIC LINES WHENEVER IT'S CRUCIAL. THEREFORE, YOU WILL BE SENT OUT ON PATROLS ANY TIME WE HAVE RELEVANT INFORMATIONS UNTIL WE MAKE OUR FIRST DECISION, EVERY PLATOON WILL BE SENT OUT ON ROTATION AS "SEWER CLEANING TROOPS" SO DON'T COME BACK AND TELL ME I HAVEN'T WARNED YOU.
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...AND TWO COMPANIES OF THE 5TH RIOT SQUAD UNIT WILL SECURE CONTROL POINTS AT THE PERIMETER OF THE THEATER OF OPERATIONS. WE HAVE BEEN PUT IN CHARGE OF THE MILITARY AUTHORITY OVER THE SEWERS, BUT WITH THE REQUEST NOT TO PROVOKE ANY TROUBLE. WE WILL DEPART IN 30 MINUTES... ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS?

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WATCH YOUR SPEED!
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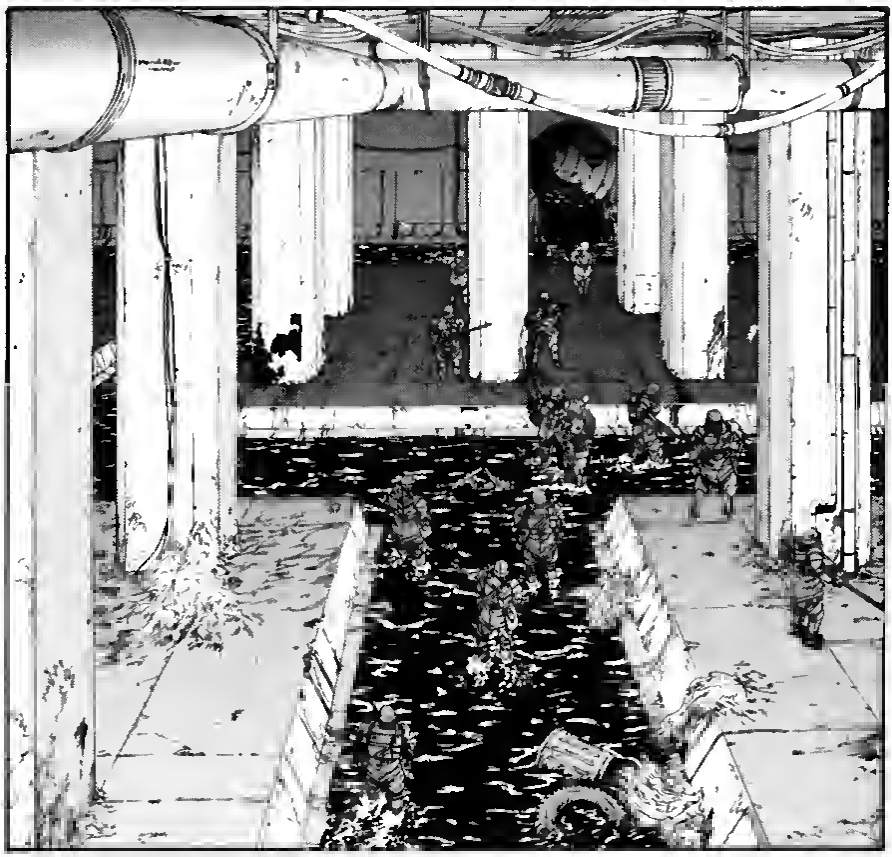
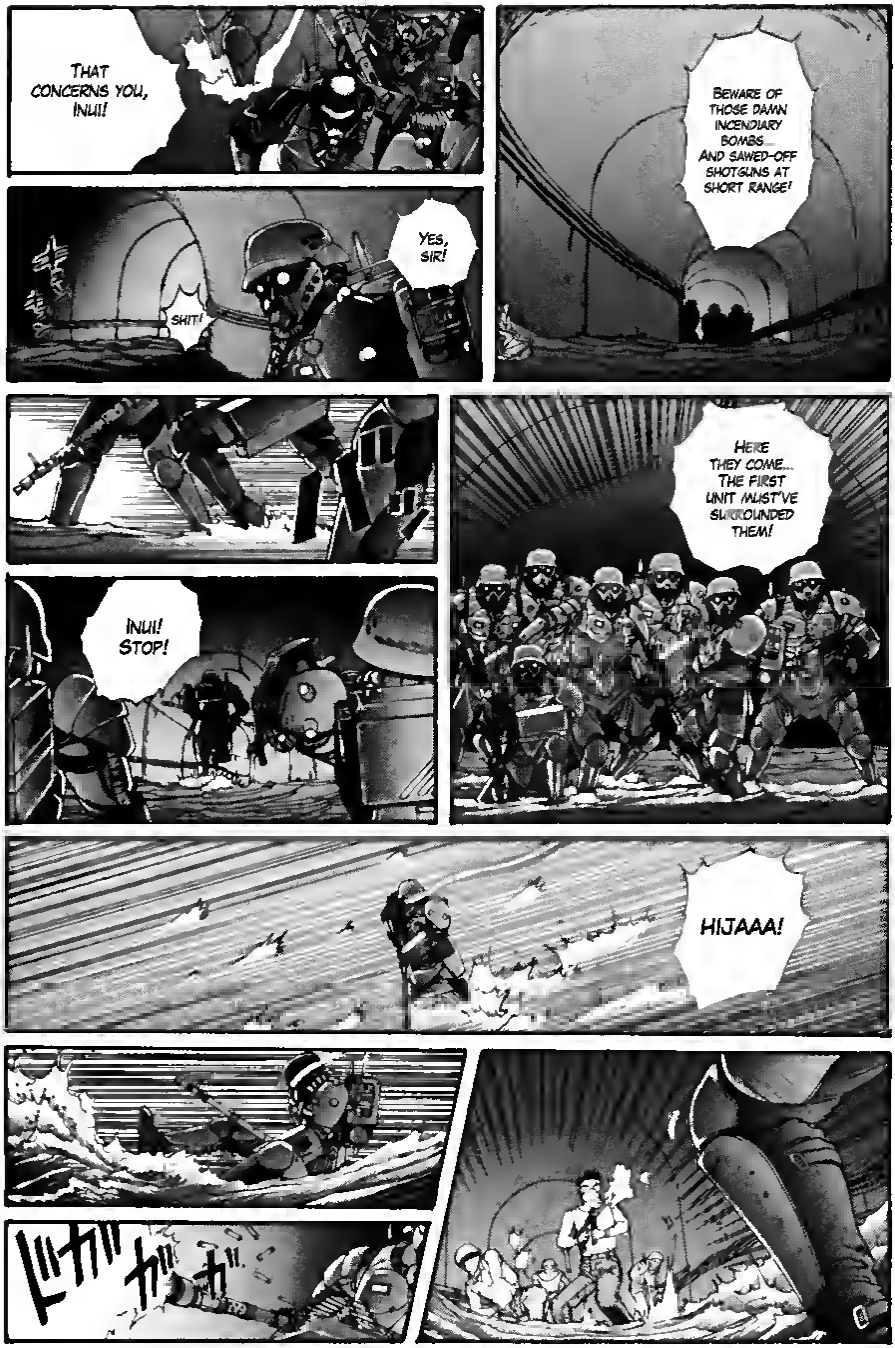
MARCH OUT!
HE'S JUST NOT FIT FOR THIS JOB. WITH SHARED ASSIGNMENTS WHERE MUTUAL TRUST IS ESSENTIAL, IT'S POSSIBLE THAT A SIMPLE MISTAKE COULD KILL HIM OR PUT THE WHOLE TROOP IN DANGER. TO PUT A LONE WOLF INTO A PACK OF HOUNDS DEOSN'T SERVE ANYONE.
I SHARE YOUR DOUBTS REGARDING ANIYA'S ATTEMPT, BUT THE DECISION YOU MADE DOESN'T SOUND LIKE YOU, COMMANDER
WHAT'S BOTHERING YOU?
HE COULDN'T PLEDGE LOYALITY NEITHER TO THE COUNTRY NOR THE POLICE AS HIS MASTER, SO HE CAME TO US
HE DIDN'T NEED TO BE EXPOSED BY ANYONE, HANDA SOME POOR FELLOWS ARE BORN ABANDONED TO SURVIVE, HE LEAVES THE WORLD BEHIND HIM AND LOOKS FOR THE MASTER HE NEVER HAD
DID YOU SEE HIS EYES? THOSE ARE THE ONES OF AN EXPOSED HOUND... A FORSAKEN DOG
A "LONE WOLF"?
HE LEFT BEFORE THEY COULD EXCLUDE HIM. THAT'S ALL.
BUT HE CAME UP TO US ON HIS OWN HE DECIDED TO PART FROM HIS OLD UNIT, NOT THE CONTRARY.

IF HE'D DIE, WHO WOULD MOURN HIM? AND YOU BELIEVE HE CARES ABOUT THAT? HE'S ALREADY DEAD TO THE WORLD
EVEN IF IT'LL KILL HIM?
HE'S A FORSAKEN DOG WHO LEARNED ONE SINGLE TRICK THE ONLY THING WE CAN DO FOR HIM, IS TO THROW HIM STICKS
THE SMELL OF OTHERS LIKE HIM
BUT WHY DID HE CHOOSE US?
THE SMELL? OF WHAT?
PROBABLY WAS ALLURED BY THE SMELL




THAT CONCERNS YOU, INUI!
YES, SIR!
SHIT!
BEWARE OF THOSE DAMN INCENDIARY BOMBS... AND SAWED-OFF SHOTGUNS AT SHORT RANGE!
INUI! STOP!
HERE THEY COME... THE FIRST UNIT MUST'VE SURROUNDED THEM!
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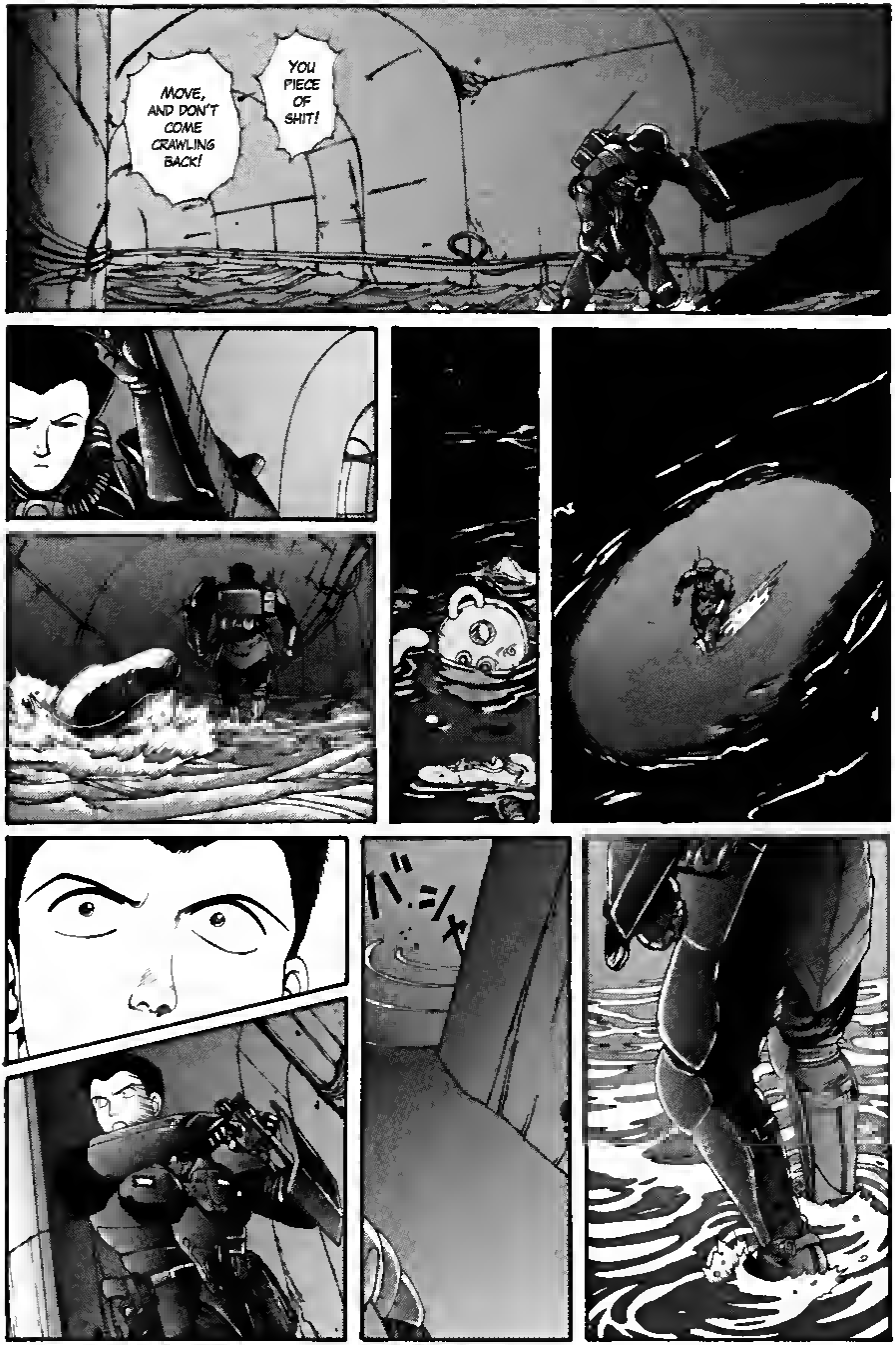
I DON'T NEED ANY VERMIN LIKE YOU IN MY UNIT! RUN OFF AND WAIT AT THE TROOP CARRIER UNTIL DUTY IS OVER! NOW GET LOST!!
YOU STUPID TRIGGER-HAPPY SON OF A BITCH!!


MOVE, AND DON'T COME CRAWLING BACK!
YOU PIECE OF SHIT!
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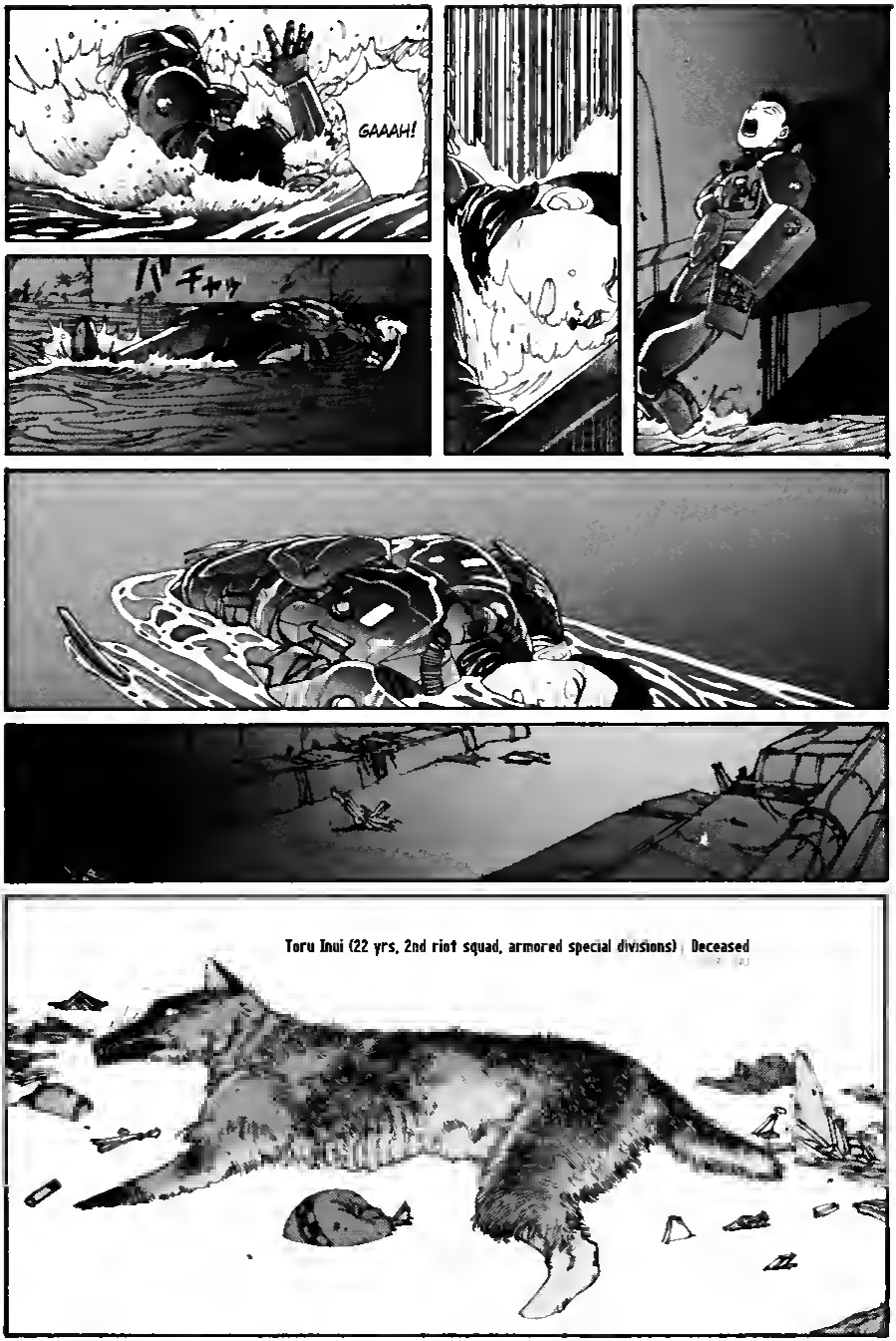
WAIT, DON'T SHOOT! HE'S SEVERLY INJURED!
SHE'S THE SAME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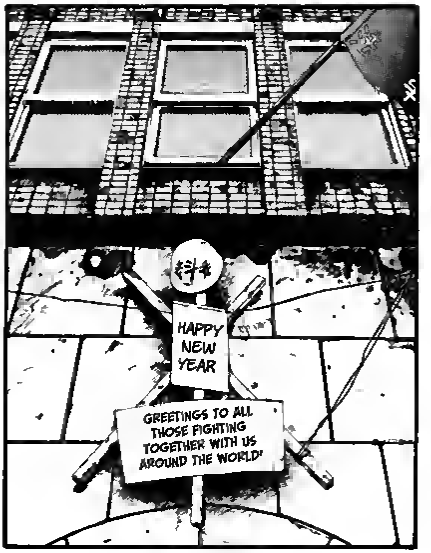
Toru Inui (22 yrs, 2nd riot squad, armored special divisions) | Deceased


HAPPY NEW YEAR
GREETINGS TO ALL THOSE FIGHTING TOGETHER WITH US AROUND THE WORLD!

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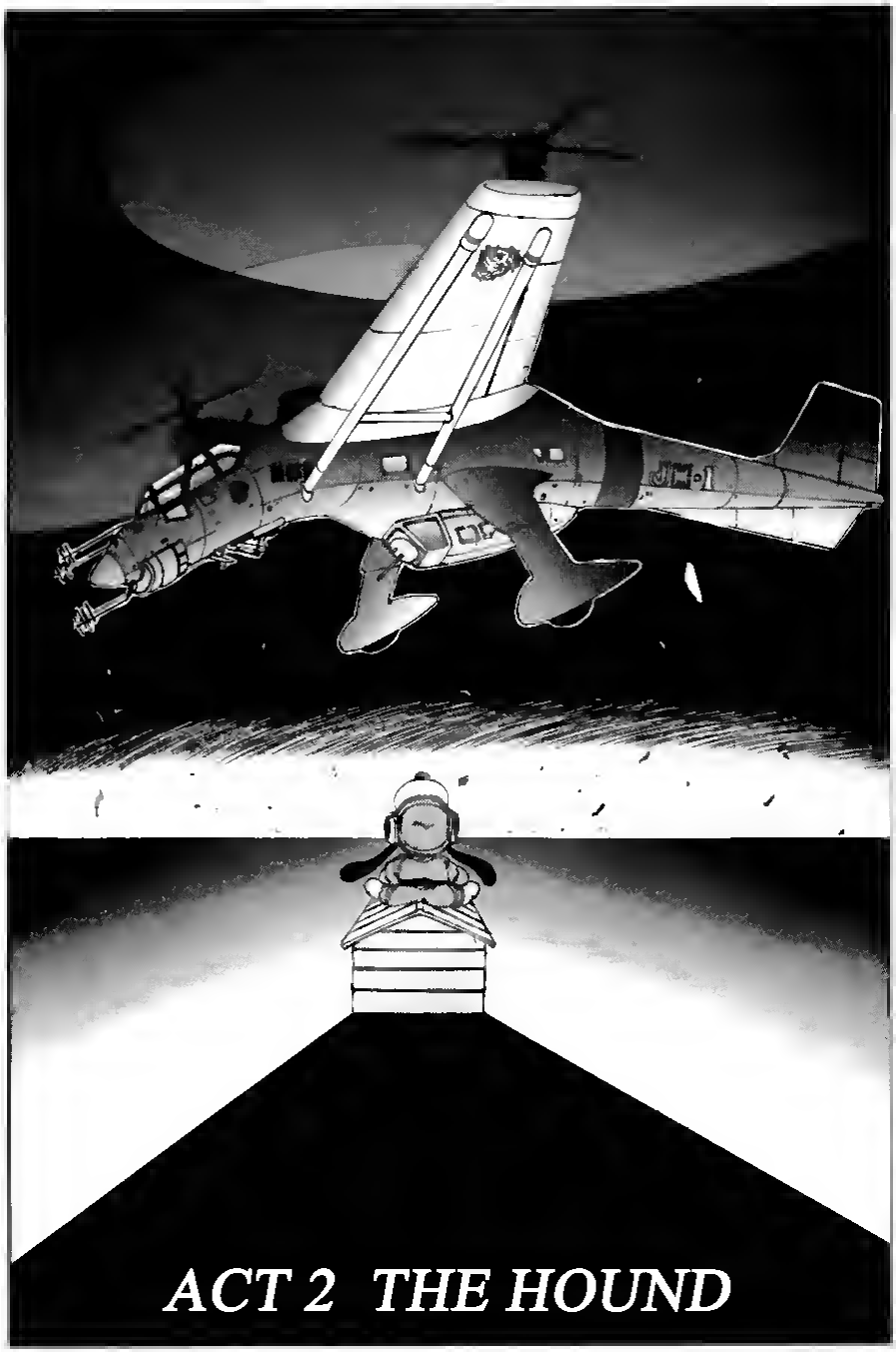
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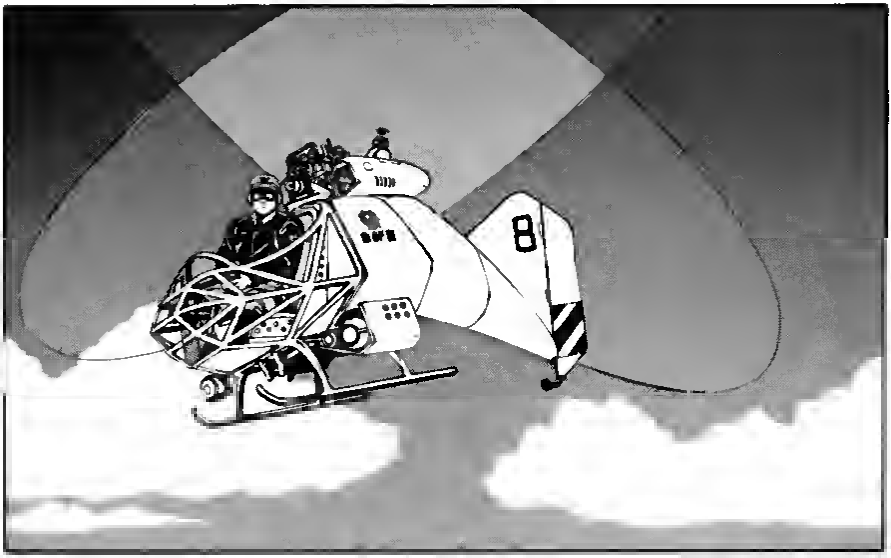
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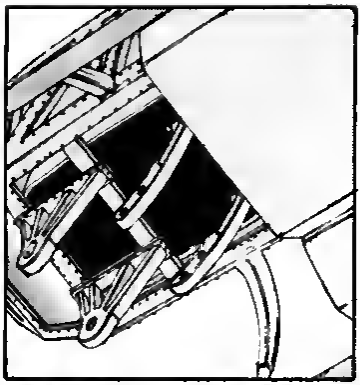

From the Wakayama prefucture in Owashi City. Pilot of the airbourne unit of the metre police armored special forces.
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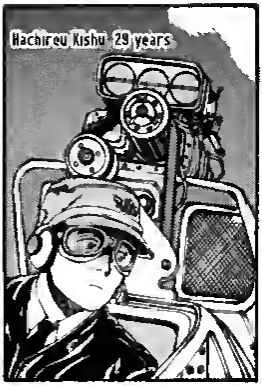
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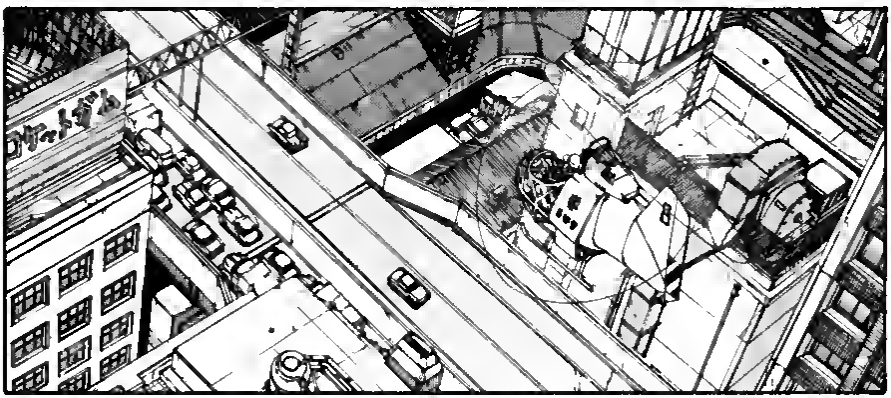

THIS IS GRASSHOPPER 1, CALLING ALL CARS! THE EXPLOSION DID HAPPEN AT A JUNCTION ABOUT 300 METERS BEFORE THE HANEDA DRIVE-WAY IT'S STILL BURNING THERE!
HEY! SOMEONE AT HOME DOWN THERE? YOU ARE JUST CRAWLING LIKE ANTS OVER THE ASPHALT
SHUT UP!
WE ARE BOUND TO THE LAWS OF GRAVITY COMPARED TO YOU ASSHOLE! WE CAN'T JUST JUMP OVER SEVERAL BUILDINGS AT ONCE!
THE RISK OF A SECOND EXPLOSION IS VERY HIGH WE URGENTLY NEED POLICE FORCES ON SITE
TRUCK NUMBER 6 OF THE SHOWA GASOLINE DEPOT IS STILL STUCK IN THE TRAFFIC.
HONK
HONK
CLEAR THE ROAD YOU DAMN FUCKS!

HEY PANZERFLYER! WHAT'S UP?
DARN! THE CANTON COPS ARRIVED BEFORE US AGAIN...
THIS IS OUR TURF, SO BE GOOD DOG AND GO HOME, OKAY?
YOU'RE IN THE WAY FLYING AROUND WITH YOUR MUSEUM PIECE!
WE'RE GONNA TAKE OVER FROM HERE!
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THE RESULT IF I WERE REALLY ARMED 2 FI-282 DOWN, 3 POLICE CARS DESTROYED 12 COPS KILLED
WHAT THE HELL? ON WHICH SIDE IS HE?
ON THE SIDE OF THE PANZERS, OF COURSE — BUT HE'S A PRETTY GOOD PILOT.
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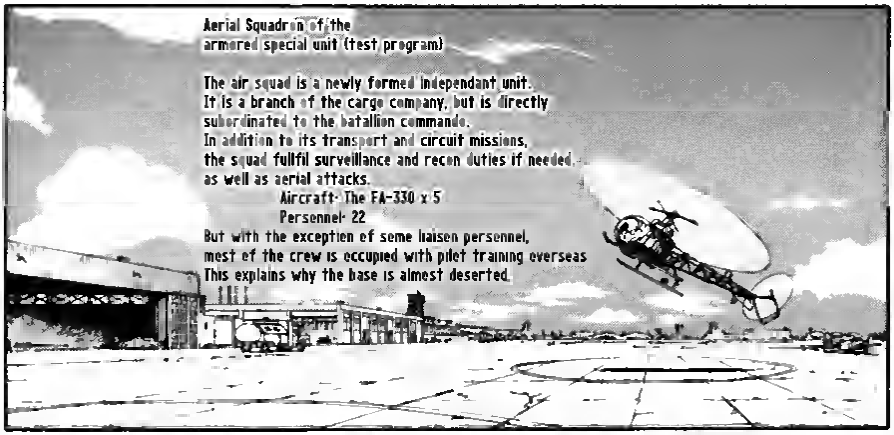
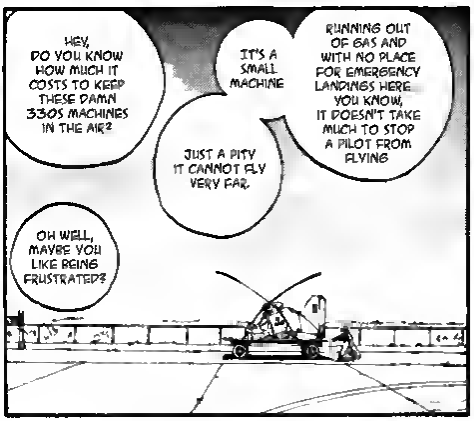

Aerial Squadron of the
armored special unit (test program)
The air squad is a newly formed independant unit.
It is a branch of the cargo company, but is directly
subordinated to the batallion commando.
In addition to its transport and circuit missions,
the squad fullfil surveillance and recon duties if needed.
as well as aerial attacks.
Aircraft: The FA-330 x 5
Personnel: 22
But with the exception of some liaison personnel,
most of the crew is occupied with pilot training overseas
This explains why the base is almost deserted.

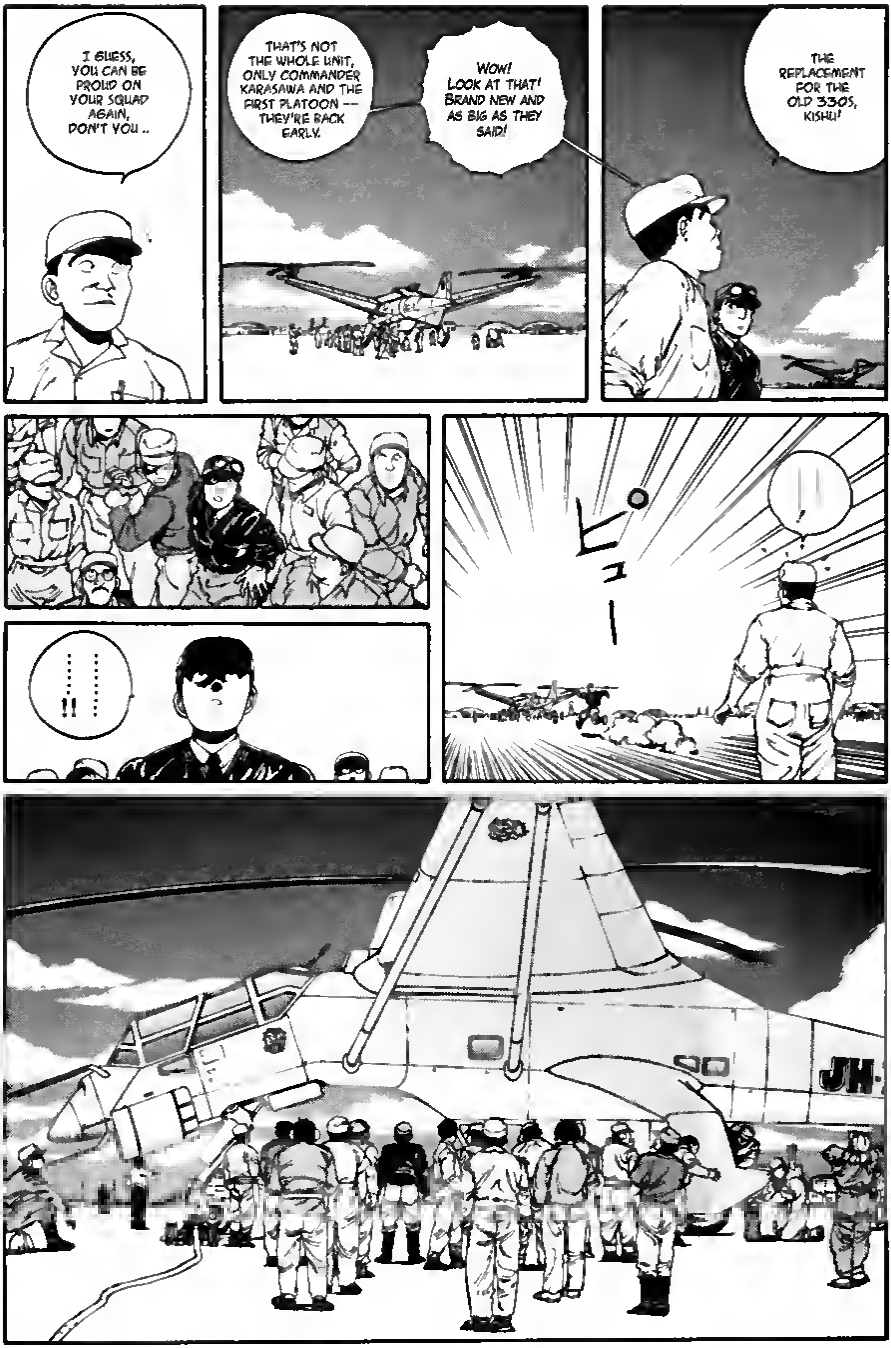
OH DEAR, WHY SO MAD?
ARE YOU IMPLYING I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL TO CLEAN UP BEHIND YOU?


HEY, DO YOU KNOW HOW MUCH IT COSTS TO KEEP THESE DAMN 330S MACHINES IN THE AIR?
IT'S A SMALL MACHINE
RUNNING OUT OF GAS AND WITH NO PLACE FOR EMERGENCY LANDINGS HERE. YOU KNOW, IT DOESN'T TAKE MUCH TO STOP A PILOT FROM FLYING
JUST A PITY IT CANNOT FLY VERY FAR.
OH WELL, MAYBE YOU LIKE BEING FRUSTRATED?

HEY, WHAT'S THAT?
ENOUGH TO MAKE A GROWN UP MAN CRY...

PERHAPS, BUT DO I HAVE TO BEAR WITH THIS? I'M GETTING INSULTED BY THE CAPITAL HELI COPS AND SCOLDED BY MECHANICS

WHY AM I NOT ALLOWED TO GO WITH THE OTHERS? "WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SOME LIAISON PERSONNEL" -- I'M THE ONLY ONE THAT GOT EXCLUDED WHILE THEY WENT PLAYING WITH THAT STUPID HELI.
ONE PILOT HAD TO BE LEFT BEHIND RIGHT?


I GUESS, YOU CAN BE PROUD ON YOUR SQUAD AGAIN, DON'T YOU ..
THAT'S NOT THE WHOLE UNIT, ONLY COMMANDER KARASAWA AND THE FIRST PLATOON --- THEY'RE BACK EARLY.
WOW! LOOK AT THAT! BRAND NEW AND AS BIG AS THEY SAID!
THE REPLACEMENT FOR THE OLD 330S, KISHI!
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SOMETHING SPECIAL, RIGHT? -- A FA-666 JAGDHUND
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COMMANDER KARASAWA AND HIS CREW WILL HAVE TO MAKE SOME TEST FLIGHTS FIRST
YOU GOTTA BE JOKING!
HEY, I'M GONNA FLY IT!
HEY HEY, EASY, PILOT!
GOOD TO SEE YOU BACK!
SIR!
COMMANDER KARASAWA!
TO COMPARE THIS WITH A 330S WOULD BE LIKE COMPARING A TANK WITH A SCOOTER...
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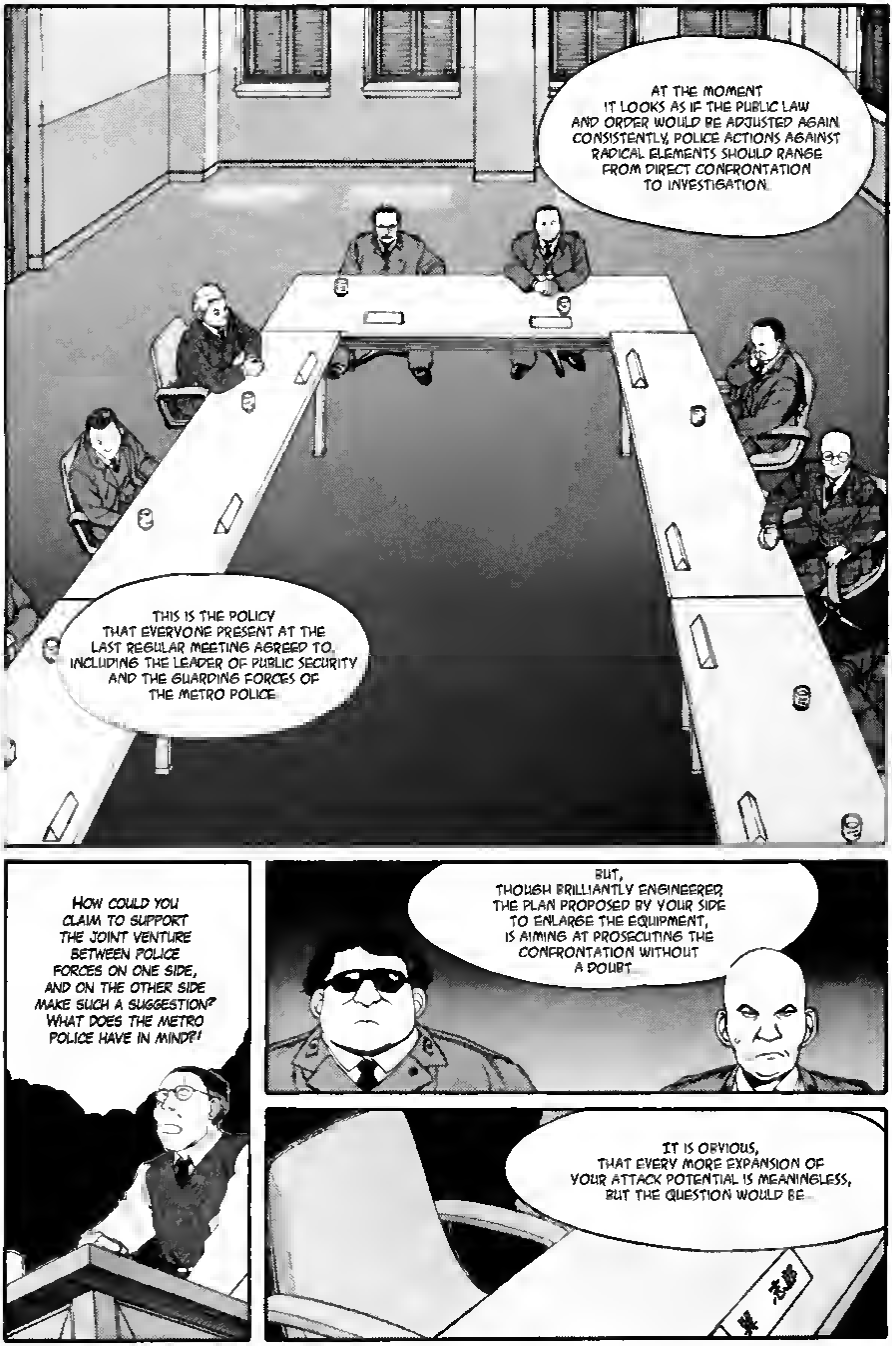
AT THE MOMENT IT LOOKS AS IF THE PUBLIC LAW AND ORDER WOULD BE ADJUSTED AGAIN CONSISTENTLY, POLICE ACTIONS AGAINST RADICAL ELEMENTS SHOULD RANGE FROM DIRECT CONFRONTATION TO INVESTIGATION.
THIS IS THE POLICY THAT EVERYONE PRESENT AT THE LAST REGULAR MEETING AGREED TO, INCLUDING THE LEADER OF PUBLIC SECURITY AND THE GUARDING FORCES OF THE METRO POLICE.
HOW COULD YOU CLAIM TO SUPPORT THE JOINT VENTURE BETWEEN POLICE FORCES ON ONE SIDE, AND ON THE OTHER SIDE MAKE SUCH A SUGGESTION? WHAT DOES THE METRO POLICE HAVE IN MIND?!
BUT, THOUGH BRILLIANTLY ENGINEERED, THE PLAN PROPOSED BY YOUR SIDE TO ENLARGE THE EQUIPMENT, IS AIMING AT PROSECUTING THE CONFRONTATION WITHOUT A DOUBT.
IT IS OBVIOUS, THAT EVERY MORE EXPANSION OF YOUR ATTACK POTENTIAL IS MEANINGLESS, BUT THE QUESTION WOULD BE...

THIS GIANT HELICOPTER YOU WERE USING FOR "TEST FLIGHTS" OVER THE CAPITAL CITY IS EQUIPED WITH SEVERAL AERIAL CANNONS THAT HAVE OBVIOUSLY THE PURPOSE OF SUPPORTING YOUR MILITARY GROUND PRESENCE AND YOU'VE PUT IT RIGHT UNDER OUR NOSES!
YOU DON'T EVEN WAIT THE HEARINGS FOR YOUR APPLICATION PLANS -- YOU JUST DO WHAT YOU DAMN WANT!
WHAT YOU CALL AS "ENLARGING THE EQUIPMENT", IS MAINLY FULFILING OUR NEEDS OF TRANSPORT CAPACITY
DON'T DODGE THE QUESTION!
LISTEN UP, WE ARE NO IDIOTS! EVERYONE IN THIS ROOM KNOWS THE TRUTH -- IT WOULDN'T TAKE 30 MINUTES TO MAKE THOSE WEAPONS OPERATIONAL AGAIN, AND BANG! YOUR "TROOP TRANSPORTERS" WOULD TURN BACK INTO ASSAULT VEHICLES!
NO ONE INSIDE THE METRO POLICE TAKES ANYTHING INTO THEIR OWN HANDS DO I HAVE TO REMIND YOU THAT LAST OCTOBER WE REMOVED THE ORDNANCE EMPLACEMENTS FROM OUR VEHICLES AFTER THE PETITION OF THIS COMMISSION?
I HAVE HEARD RUMOURS THAT THE METRO POLICE INTENTIONALLY ADMITS THE PANZERS TO TAKE THINGS IN THEIR OWN HANDS WHAT DO YOU SAY TO THIS?
ONE THING IS CLEAR, WE CAN'T IGNORE THE STRUGGLE OF THE PANZERS FOR ARMED PREDOMINANCE [illegible] LONGER.
IT DOESN'T MATTER IF IT'S CANNONS OR MACHINE GUNS -- TO ALLOW YOU ANY MACHINE PISTOLS WAS OUR FIRST MISTAKE. IF THAT WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN

AS LONG AS THIS CURSED HELICOPTER IS FLYING AROUND IN DAYLIGHT! I GUESS THAT TATSUMI HOPED TO MAKE THIS A FAIT ACCOMPLI UNTIL THE TROOP PARADE NEXT WEEK, BUT HE DEFINITELY WENT TOO FAR WITH THIS!
AND I THOUGHT THINGS WOULD GO SMOOTHLY -- THE POLICE COOPERATION DID WORK OUT WELL WE DID HAVE AN UNOFFICIAL APPROVAL FROM THE SAFETY DELEGATES... DAMN, EVEN IF WE WOULD WANT TO, WE COULD "ATTEMPT" NOTHING,
WELL, SOMEONE HAS TO TALK WITH THE LITTLE NAPOLEON... WHO WILL IT BE, ME OR YOU?
IF WE CONTINUE TO LET TATSUMI PLAY HIS ARMS BUILD-UP THEN THE PANZERS COULD MESS THINGS UP FOR THE WHOLE METRO POLICE. THAT WOULDN'T BE IN TATSUMI'S INTEREST EITHER HE MUST REALIZE THAT, DON'T YOU THINK?
THE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ARE MORE INFLEXIBLE THAN BEFORE -- AND I DON'T KNOW HOW ELSE WE SHOULD DEAL WITH THIS ARMAMENT PROSCRIPTION. THINKING ABOUT IT GIVES ME HEADACHES
IF HE WOULD LISTEN TO US, WE WOLDN'T HAVE THIS AERIAL PROGRAM AT ALL WHAT DID WE ACTUALLY SEE IN THIS SON OF A WHORE? I WISH HE COULD JUST VANISH
DO YOU WANT HIM TO... "VANISH"?

WE HEAR RUMOURS, WHICH WE FOLLOW.
WHY? DO YOU INTEND SOMETHING?
EVEN IF I WOULDN'T DO IT, THE SECT WILL, MOST LIKELY
I DIDN'T MEAN THAT
COME, SHINMEI...
THE MEETING IS ABOUT TO START

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OBSERVE THE TARGET, YOUR INSTRUMENTS WON'T HELP YOU!
I KNOW, I KNOW, DAMN IT!
CHECK THE ROTOR'S ROTATION SPEED BY EAR! WATCH THE HORIZON TO KEEP A STABLE ALTITUDE, NOT YOUR INSTRUMENTS!

ALRIGHT, NOW LET GO SLOWLY!
STEERING LEFT !!
YOU HAVE TO BE BENT, DON'T DAWDLE AROUND!
NOT YOU, YOU IDIOT! THE HELI!
GET READY TO RELOCATE THE BALANCE POINT! CONCENTRATE ON THE ALTERATION! STEERING AT NEUTRAL POSITION!
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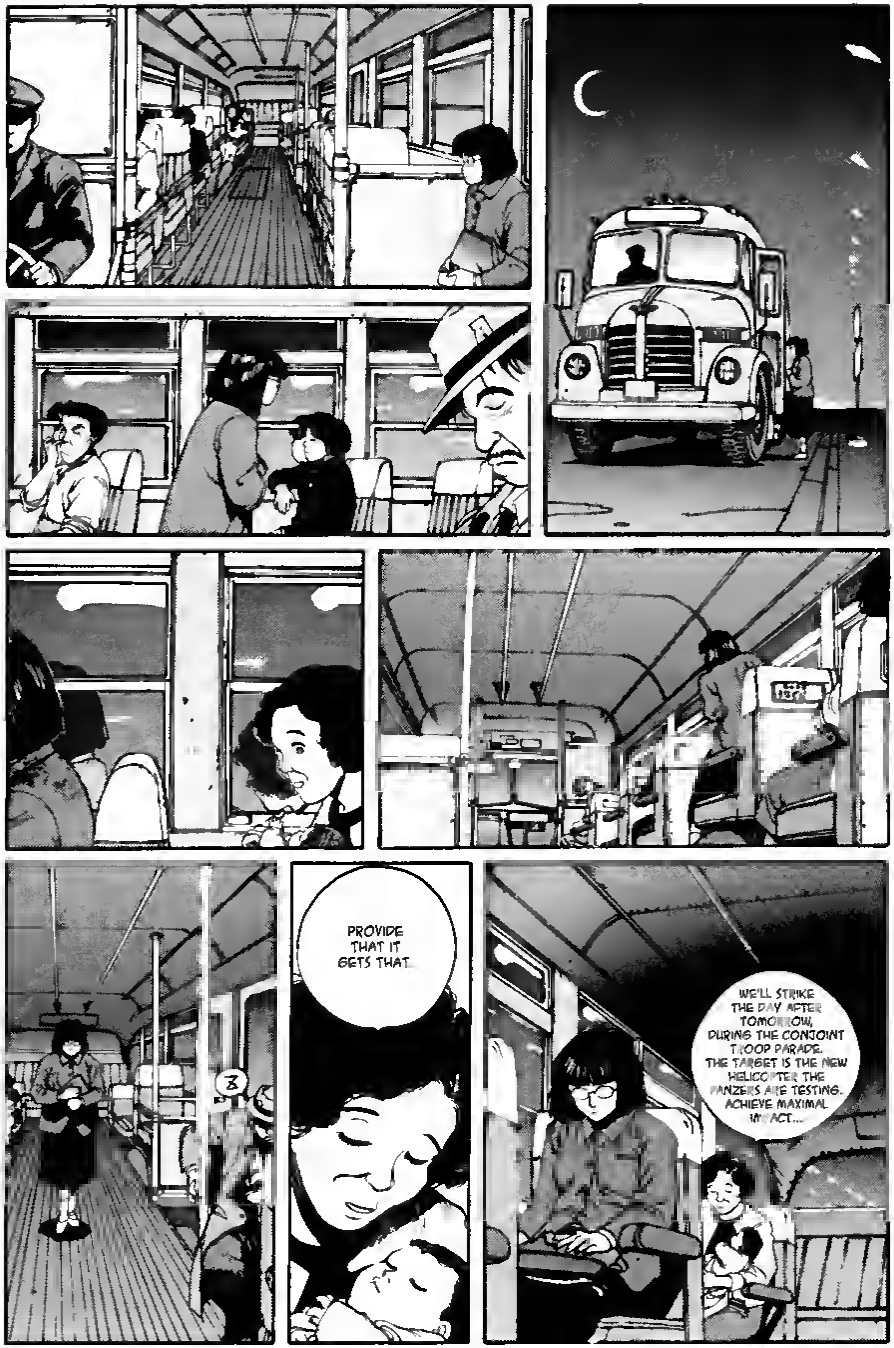
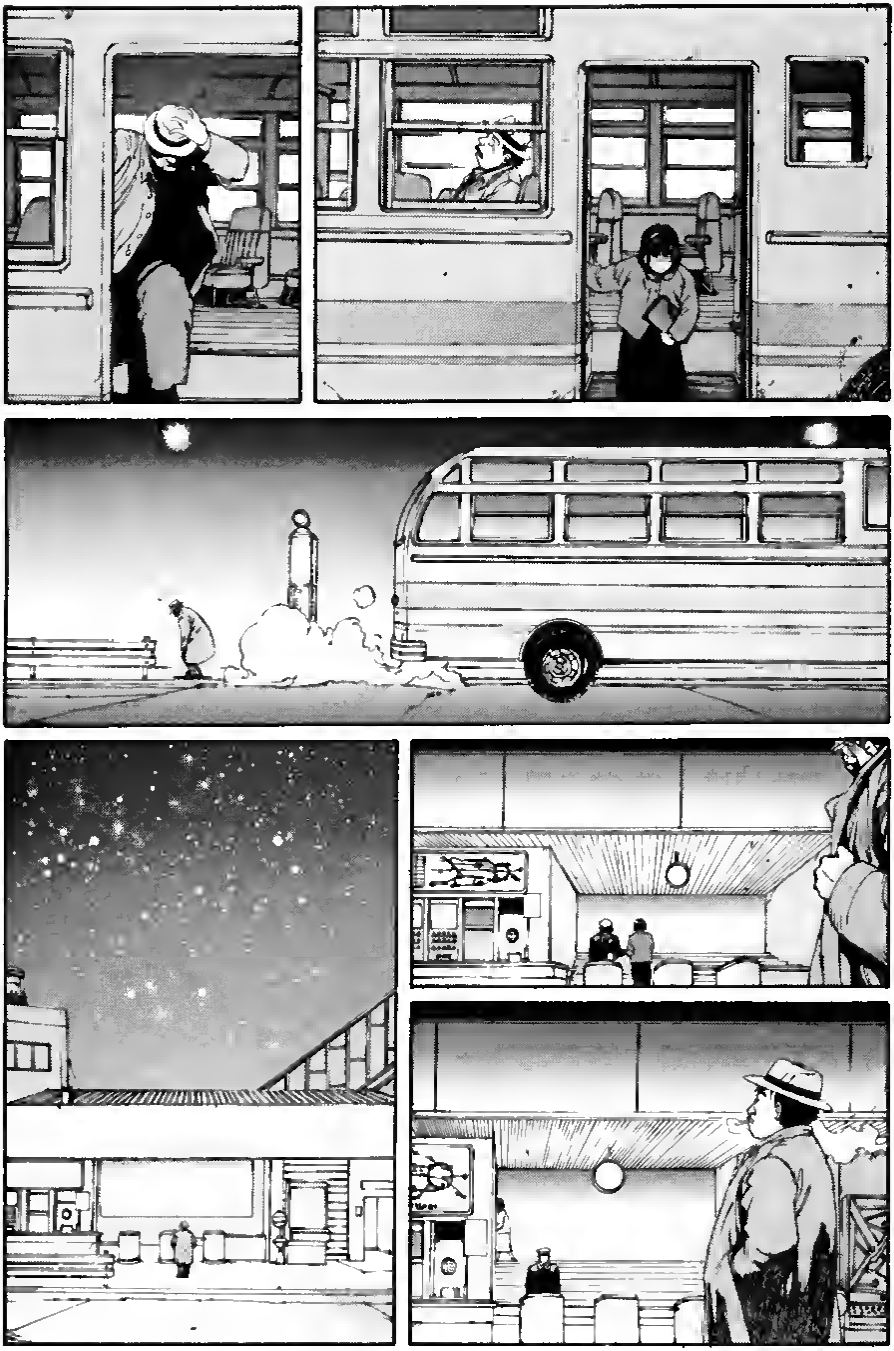
SLOWLY I SAID!
LET YOURSELF TIME !!
THIS BOX OF METAL IS REALLY SOMETHING!
IT'S ONLY AS GOOD AS THE PILOT WHO FLIES IT, YOU HOTSPUR!
WOW, INCREDIBLE!


PROVIDE THAT IT GETS THAT...
WE'LL STRIKE THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW, DURING THE CONJOINT TROOP PARADE. THE TARGET IS THE NEW HELICOPTER THE PANZERS ARE TESTING. ACHIEVE MAXIMAL IMPACT...



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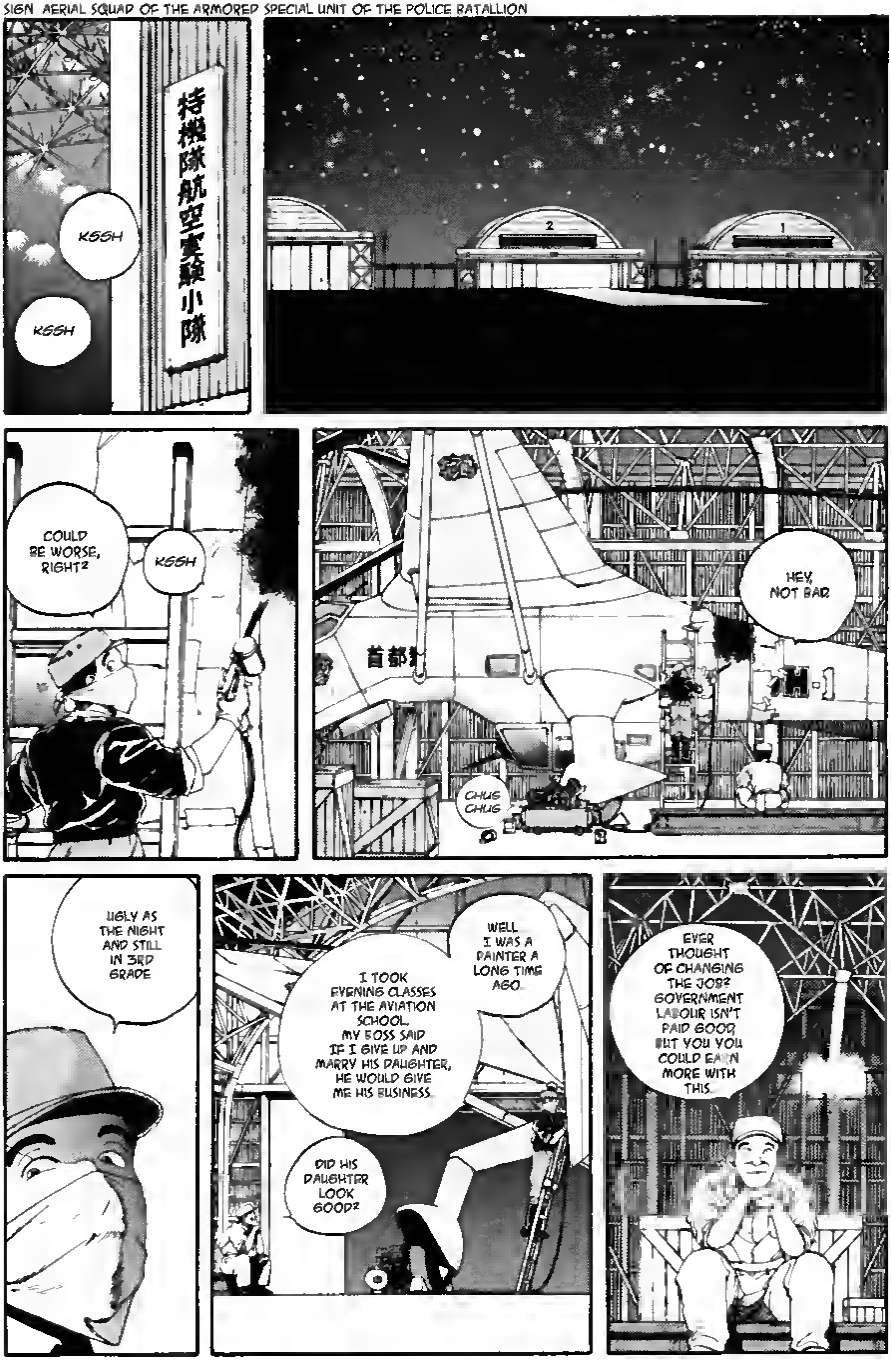
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COULD BE WORSE, RIGHT?
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HEY, NOT BAD
CHUG CHUG
UGLY AS THE NIGHT AND STILL IN 3RD GRADE
I TOOK EVENING CLASSES AT THE AVIATION SCHOOL. MY BOSS SAID IF I GIVE UP AND MARRY HIS DAUGHTER, HE WOULD GIVE ME HIS BUSINESS.
WELL, I WAS A PAINTER A LONG TIME AGO...
DID HIS DAUGHTER LOOK GOOD?
EVER THOUGHT OF CHANGING THE JOB? GOVERNMENT LABOUR ISN'T PAID GOOD BUT YOU YOU COULD EARN MORE WITH THIS.

HEY, YOU KNOW JUST LIKE ME THAT I WOULD BE GROUNDED AT A CIVILIAN AIRLINE AND THE CAPITAL POLICE ONLY ACCEPTS THE BEST GRADUATES
BUT WHY THE METRO POLICE?
I ALWAYS WANTED TO ASK YOU WHY YOU BECAME AN OFFICER? AND WHY OF ALL THINGS A PANZER COP?
...BECAUSE I WANTED TO LEARN HOW TO FLY HELI-COPTERS.
WHY?
THAT'S WHY I'm HERE...
BUT THE METRO POLICE DOESN'T CARE ABOUT THAT OR YOUR PAST, AS LONG AS YOU GOT GUTS
YES...
WELL, I ALWAYS HAD THIS STRANGE DREAM...
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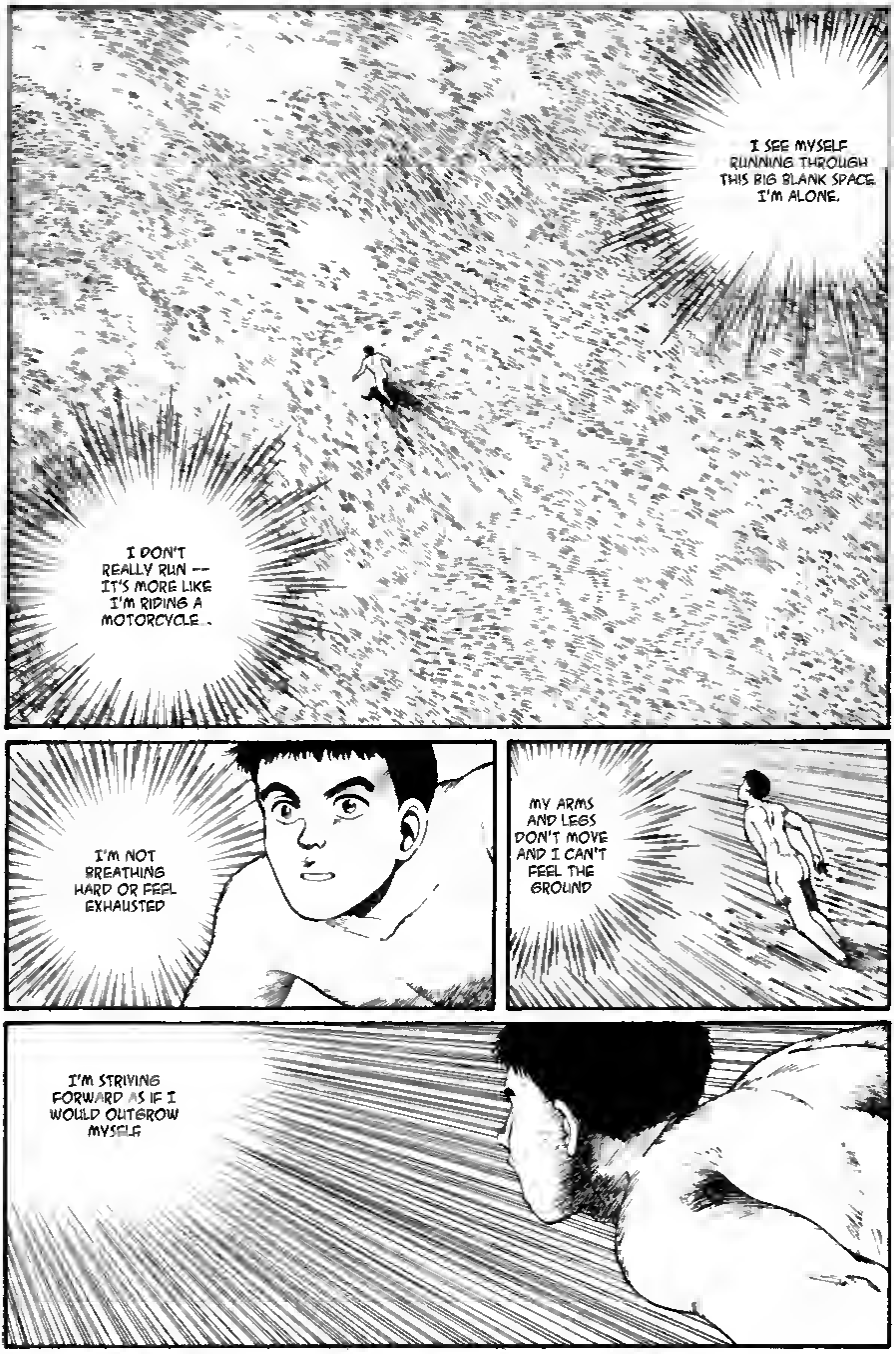
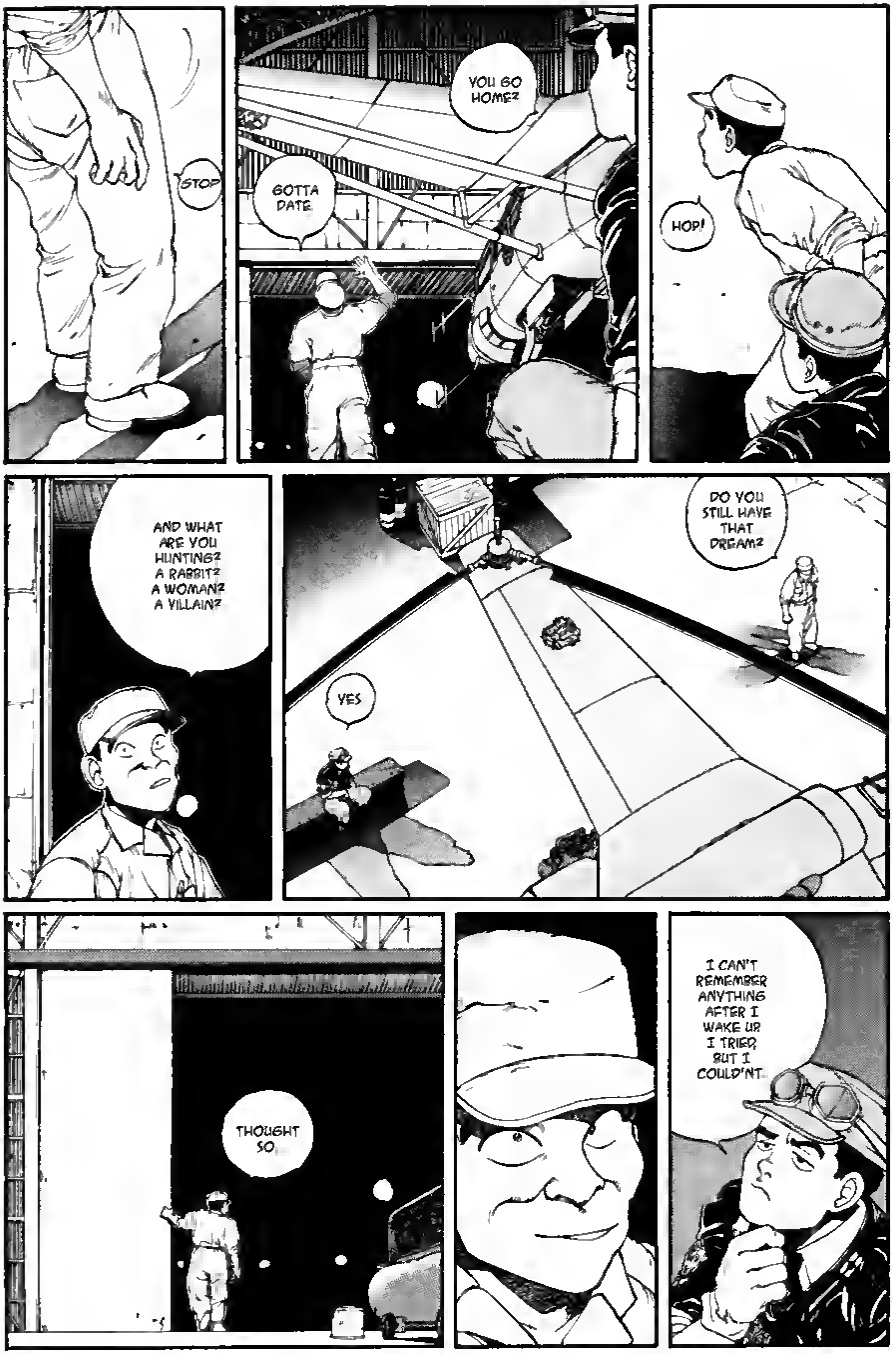
YEAH, BUT THE WORK IS DANGEREOUS AND THE PAY IS LOW, RIGHT?
SINCE I WAS LITTLE -- I DON'T KNOW WHY BUT I ALWAYS HAVE THIS DREAM...


I SEE MYSELF RUNNING THROUGH THIS BIG BLANK SPACE. I'M ALONE.
I DON'T REALLY RUN -- IT'S MORE LIKE I'M RIDING A MOTORCYCLE.
I'M NOT BREATHING HARD OR FEEL EXHAUSTED
MY ARMS AND LEGS DON'T MOVE AND I CAN'T FEEL THE GROUND
I'M STRIVING FORWARD AS IF I WOULD OUTGROW MYSELF

I'M STRETCHING MORE AND MORE UNTIL I HAVE LEFT MY BODY BEHIND ME.
MY ARMS AND LEGS ARE GONE. ONLY MY HEAD IS REMAINING -- NO, ONLY MY FACE IS FLYING FASTER AND FASTER FORWARD
THEN SUDDENLY
I CAN SEE IT
THERE'S ONLY ONE THOUGHT LEFT-WHEN I SEE IT I HAVE TO CATCH IT
AND I DON'T SEE ANYTHING ELSE ANYMORE

IT'S JUST A LITTLE AHEAD AND DESPERATELY TRIES TO ESCAPE ME... WITH A GIANT LEAP I GET OVER IT...
AND I'M RUNNING TO CATCH IT.
SOMEHOW I KNOW...
..THIS IS MY PREY.
AND THEN I WAKE UP...
SO, THAT'S YOUR DREAM, EH?
SO YOU DECIDED TO BECOME A HELI PILOT TO HUNT THINGS DOWN, HM?
YEAH, I THINK
THEN, AT THE NOE TRAINING I REMEMBERED IT...
ONCE I HAD IT SO MANY TIMES AFTER ANOTHER THAT I CONSTANTLY HAD TO THINK ABOUT IT. BUT I COULDN'T FIGURE IT OUT, I ONLY KNOW THAT IT CRACKS ME UP.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
SOUNDS LIKE YOU NEED TO GROW UP FINALLY.

NOTE: NOE "NAP OF THE EARTH" - TO FLY CLOSELY ABOVE THE GROUND WITH AN AIRPLANE


STOP
GOTTA DATE
YOU GO HOME?
HOP!
AND WHAT ARE YOU HUNTING? A RABBIT? A WOMAN? A VILLAIN?
YES
DO YOU STILL HAVE THAT DREAM?
THOUGHT SO.
I CAN'T REMEMBER ANYTHING AFTER I WAKE UP I TRIED BUT I COULD'NT.

HE ENTERED HER ROOM.
A VISITOR.
IT'S THE FIRST TIME WE SAW THAT KIND OF BEHAVIOUR IN THE LAST TWO WEEKS IN MY OPINION.
SHE GOT A MESSAGE ON THE BUS, AND TOOK OFF SOME LUGGAGE FROM A SAFE DEPOSIT BOX AT THE BUS STOP. THEN SHE WENT BACK TO HER ROOM
WAIT A SECOND!
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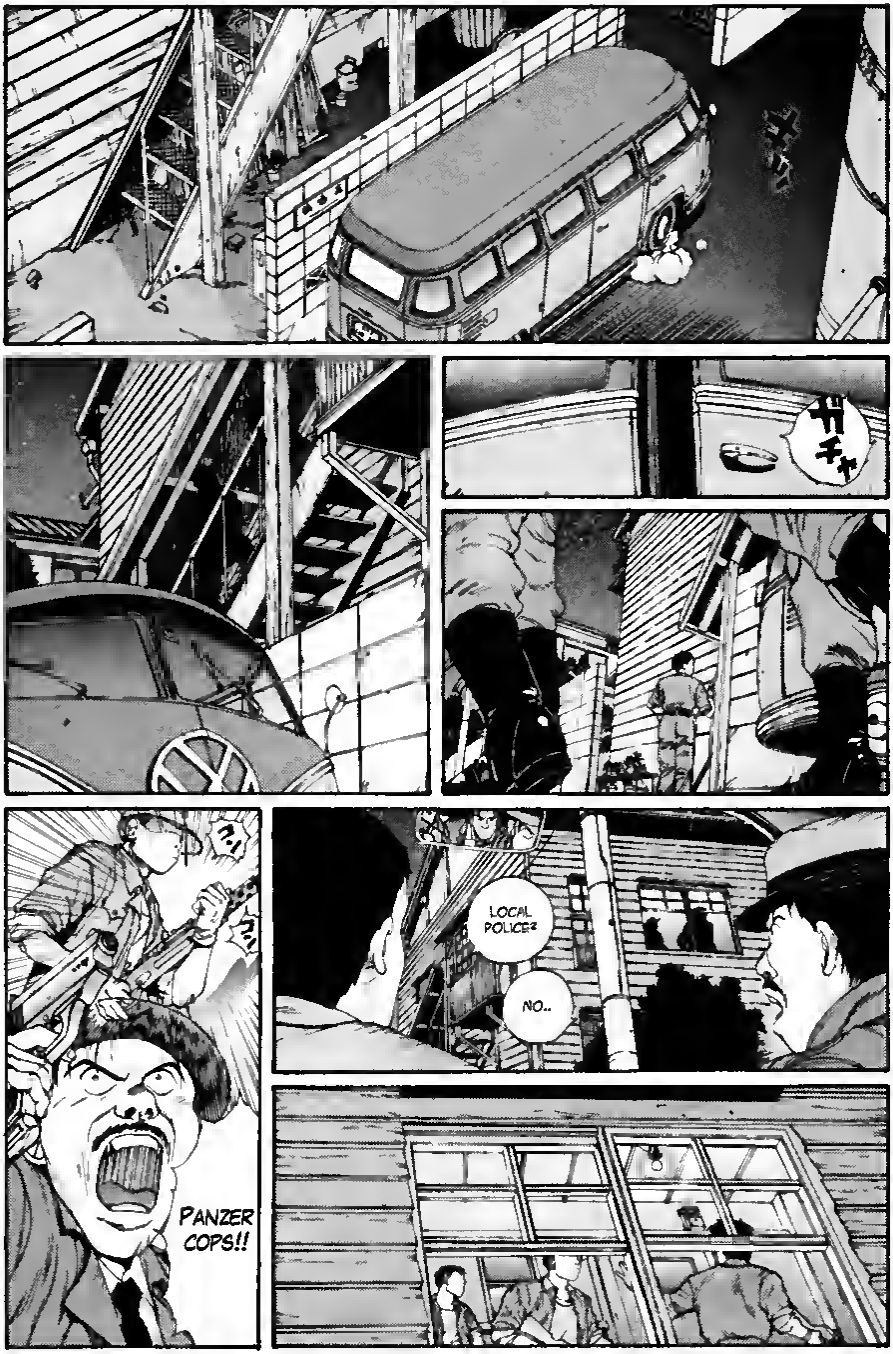
UNDERSTOOD. WE WILL RAID THE PLACE RIGHT NOW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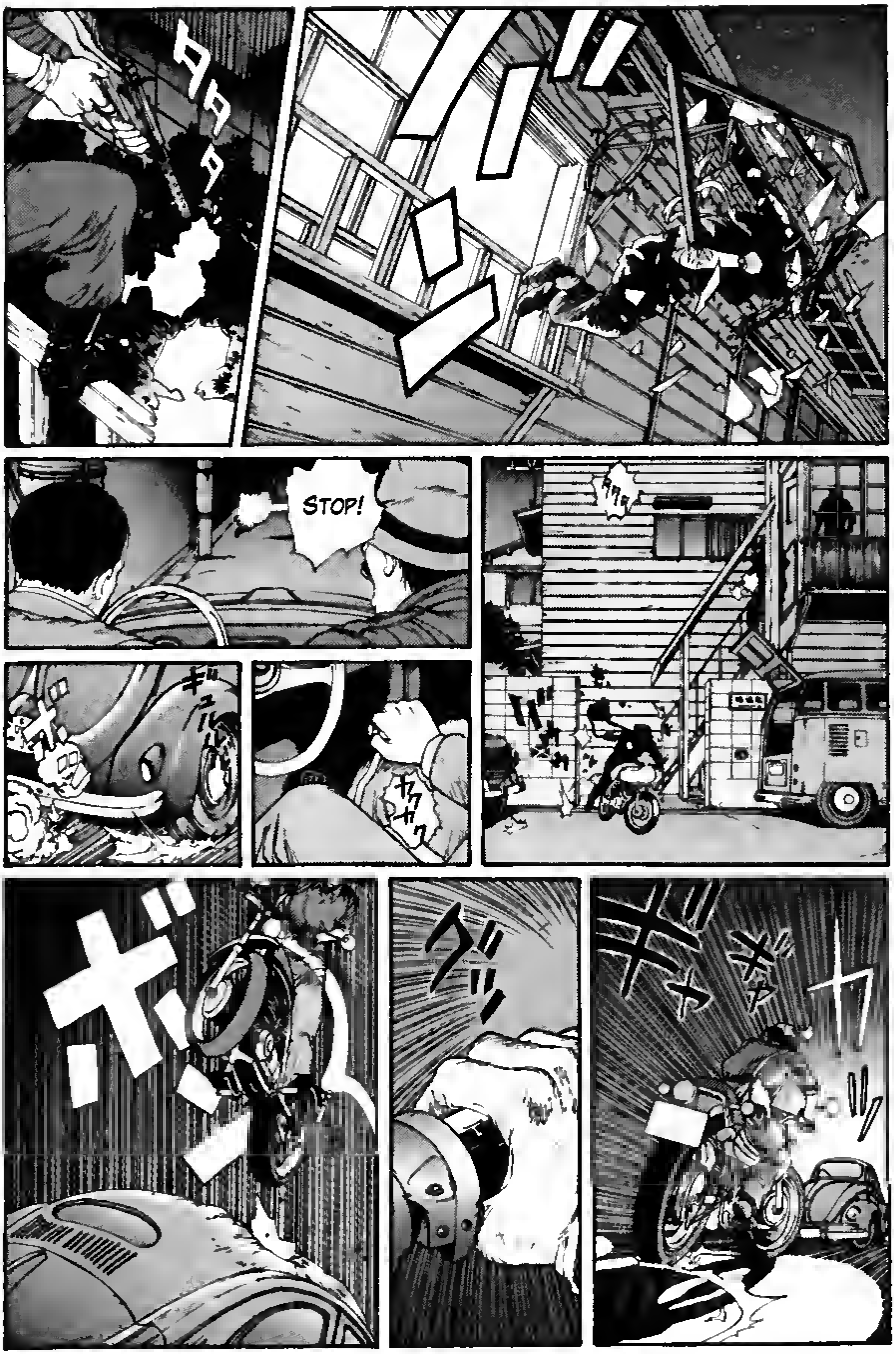
LOCAL POLICE?
NO..
PANZER COPS!!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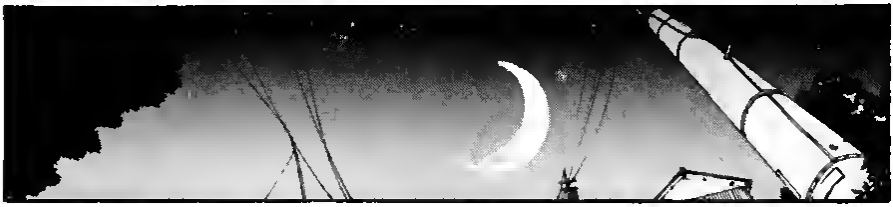
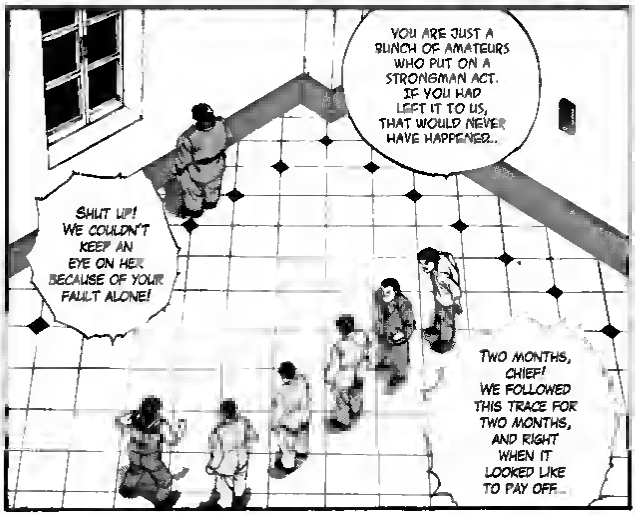
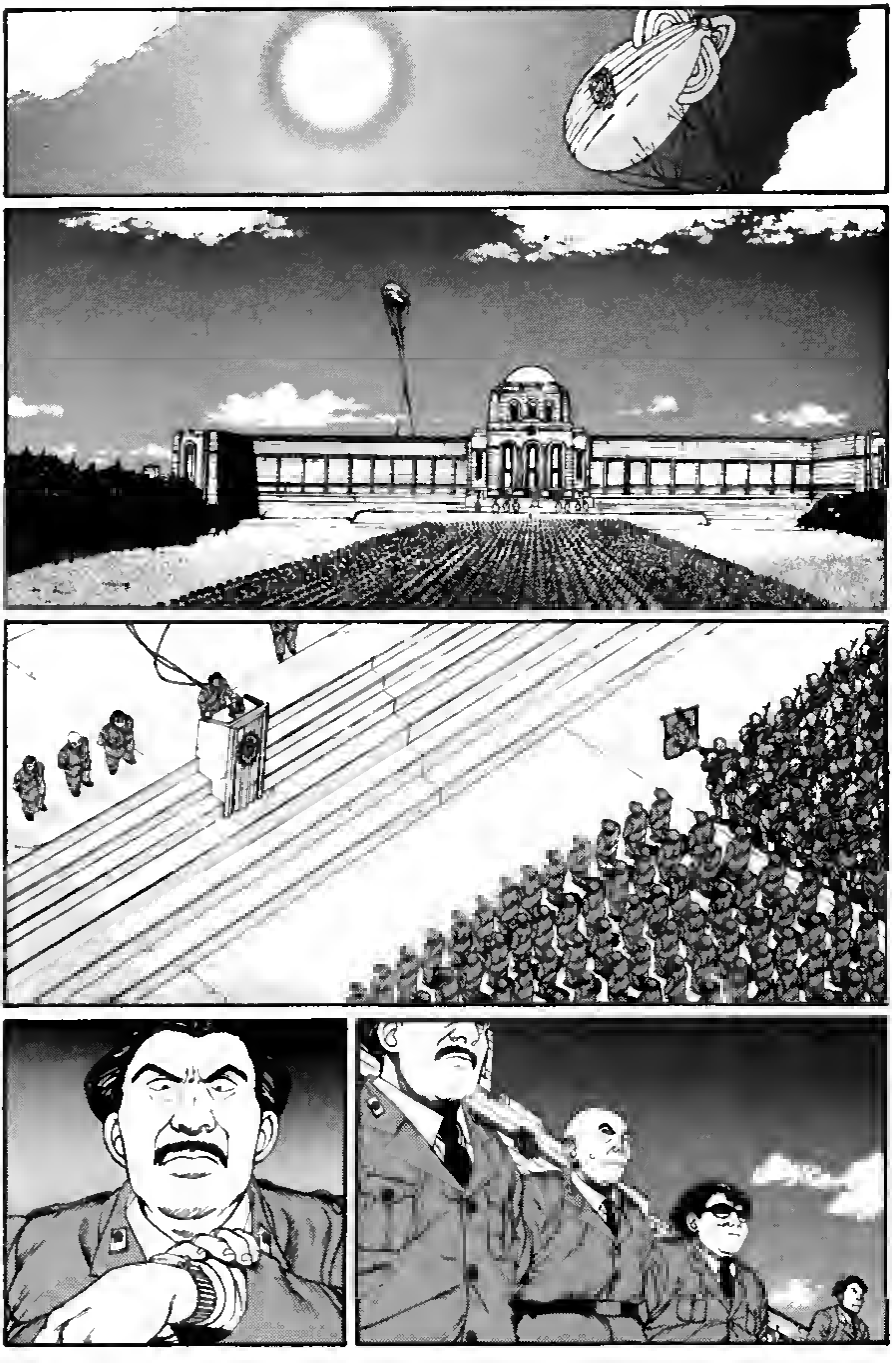



YOU ARE JUST A BUNCH OF AMATEURS WHO PUT ON A STRONGMAN ACT. IF YOU HAD LEFT IT TO US, THAT WOULD NEVER HAVE HAPPENED...
SHUT UP! WE COULDN'T KEEP AN EYE ON HER BECAUSE OF YOUR FAULT ALONE!
TWO MONTHS, CHIEF! WE FOLLOWED THIS TRACE FOR TWO MONTHS, AND RIGHT WHEN IT LOOKED LIKE TO PAY OFF...

WE KNEW OF THIS UNDERCOVER GROUP TROOP NINE -- BUT WE NEVER THOUGHT WE WOULD RUN INTO THEM THERE

SIR! WE DEMAND THAT YOU ENTER A FORMAL PROTEST AT ONCE!
THE PANZERS DIDN'T HAVE THE RIGHT TO INVESTIGATE! THEY HAVE OVERSTEPPED THEIR COMPETENCE WITH THIS!

SO WHAT DO YOU THINK?
THEY DIDN'T WANT TO HAND HER OUT TO US SHE'S PROBABLY DEAD BY NOW — SHE RECEIVED SEVERAL GUNSHOT WOUNDS AND DID BARELY BREATH
AND THE WOMAN?
DIRECTOR!
THANK YOU. DISMISSED!
WILL YOU LODGE A PROTEST?
I DON'T HAVE THE SLIGHTEST DOUBT THAT THEIR EFFORTS ARE CONCENTRATED ON THE NEW HELICOPTER IF THOSE CLOWNS HADN'T SCREWED UP EVERYTHING THEN WE WOULD HAVE HARD EVIDENCES ABOUT THAT NOW.
...
GIVE ME TATSUMI.
KCHAK
CLICK



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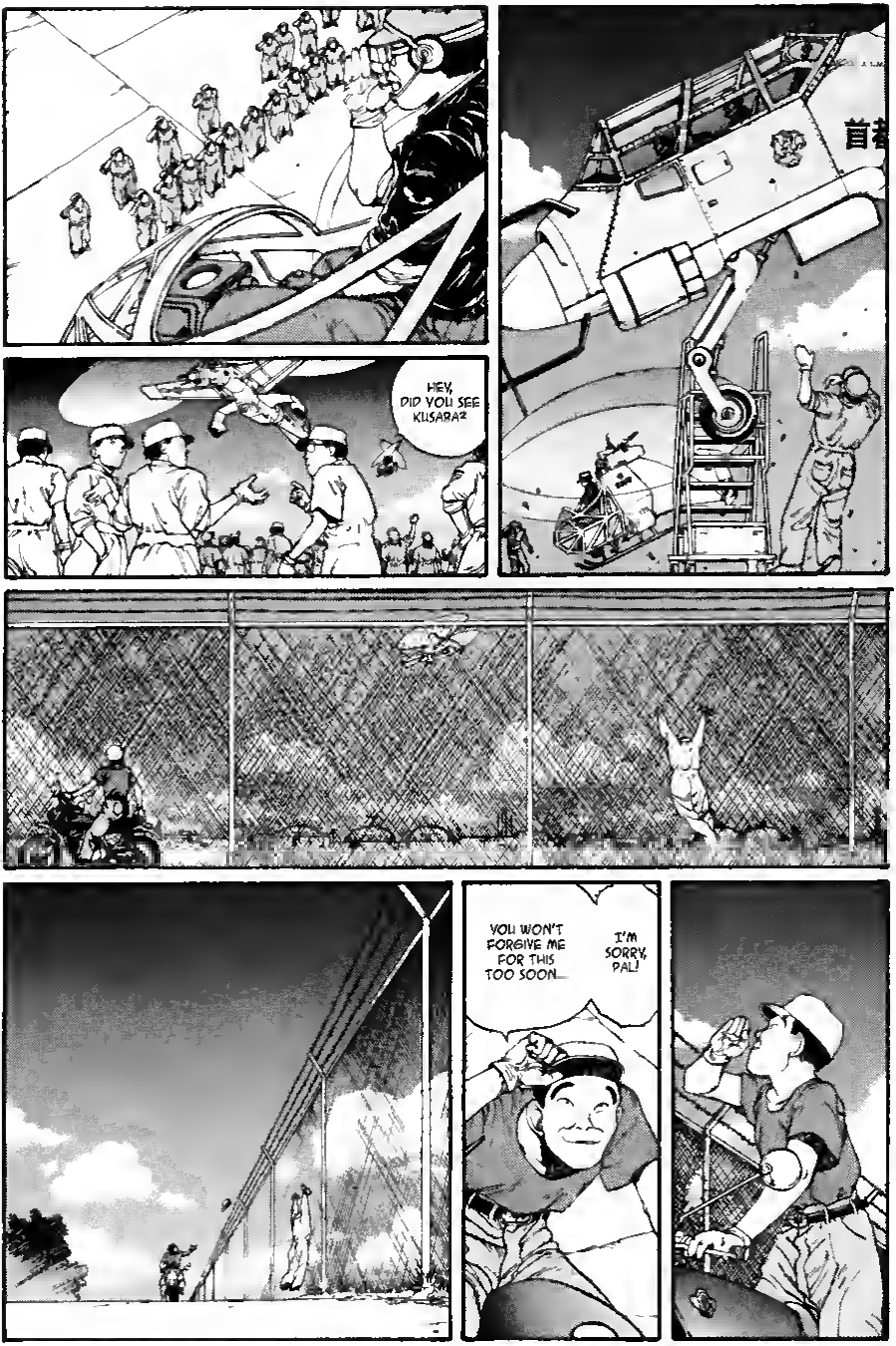
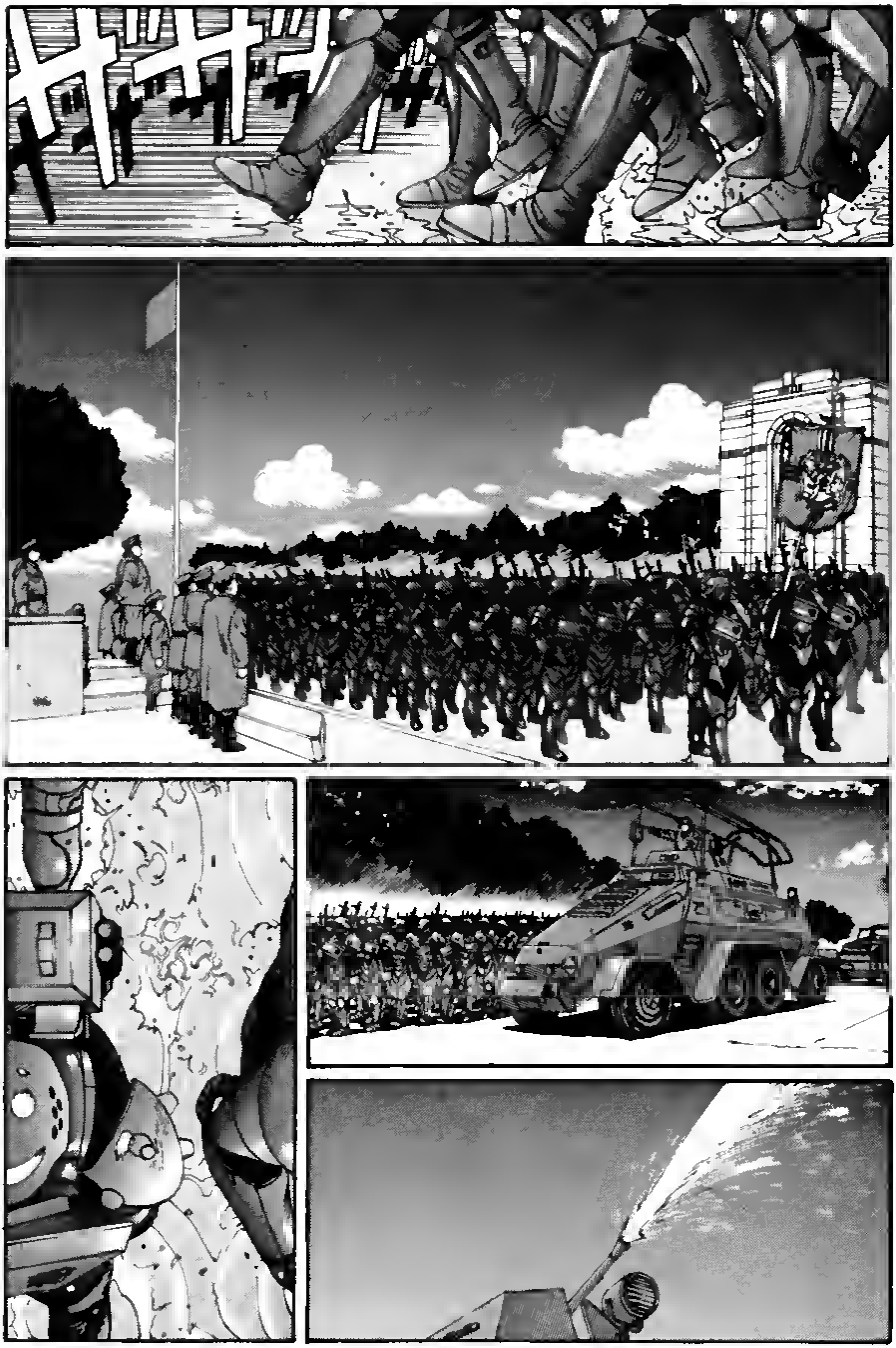
FROM NOW ON YOU'LL HAVE TO FILE IN AT THE GUARD BEFORE YOU ENTER THE GROUND THIS IS A FACILITY OF THE METRO POLICE AFTER ALL...
OH KUSARA... IT'S NOT EASY FOR ME TO TELL YOU THIS, BUT...
?

I AM SORRY, BUT THERE ARE SOME STRANGE THINGS GOING ON IN RELATION WITH THE AIR SHOW WE WERE ORDERED NOT TO LET ANY SUSPICIOUS INDIVIDUALS ENTER THE GROUND.
WHAT'S SUSPICIOUS ABOUT HIM?!
DON'T ARGUE, KISHII.
WHILE YOU WERE GONE, KUSABA KEPT THIS PLACE RUNNING ON HIS OWN! HOW DARE YOU TREAT HIM LIKE SOME VILLAIN?!
THIS IS RIDICULOUS COMMANDER!
AND BY THE WAY, THE OFFICIAL MAINTENANCE CREW IS HERE NOW SO THERE'S NO REASON FOR ME TO STAY HERE
I SAID DON'T GET MAD ABOUT IT ORDERS ARE ORDERS YOU CAN'T BLAME IT ON COMMANDER KARASAWA
LET ME HANDLE THIS!
HEY, IT'S OKAY.
B- BUT !
I DID MY JOB HERE AFTER ALL.


HEY, DID YOU SEE KUSANAGI?
YOU WON'T FORGIVE ME FOR THIS TOO SOON...
I'M SORRY, PAL!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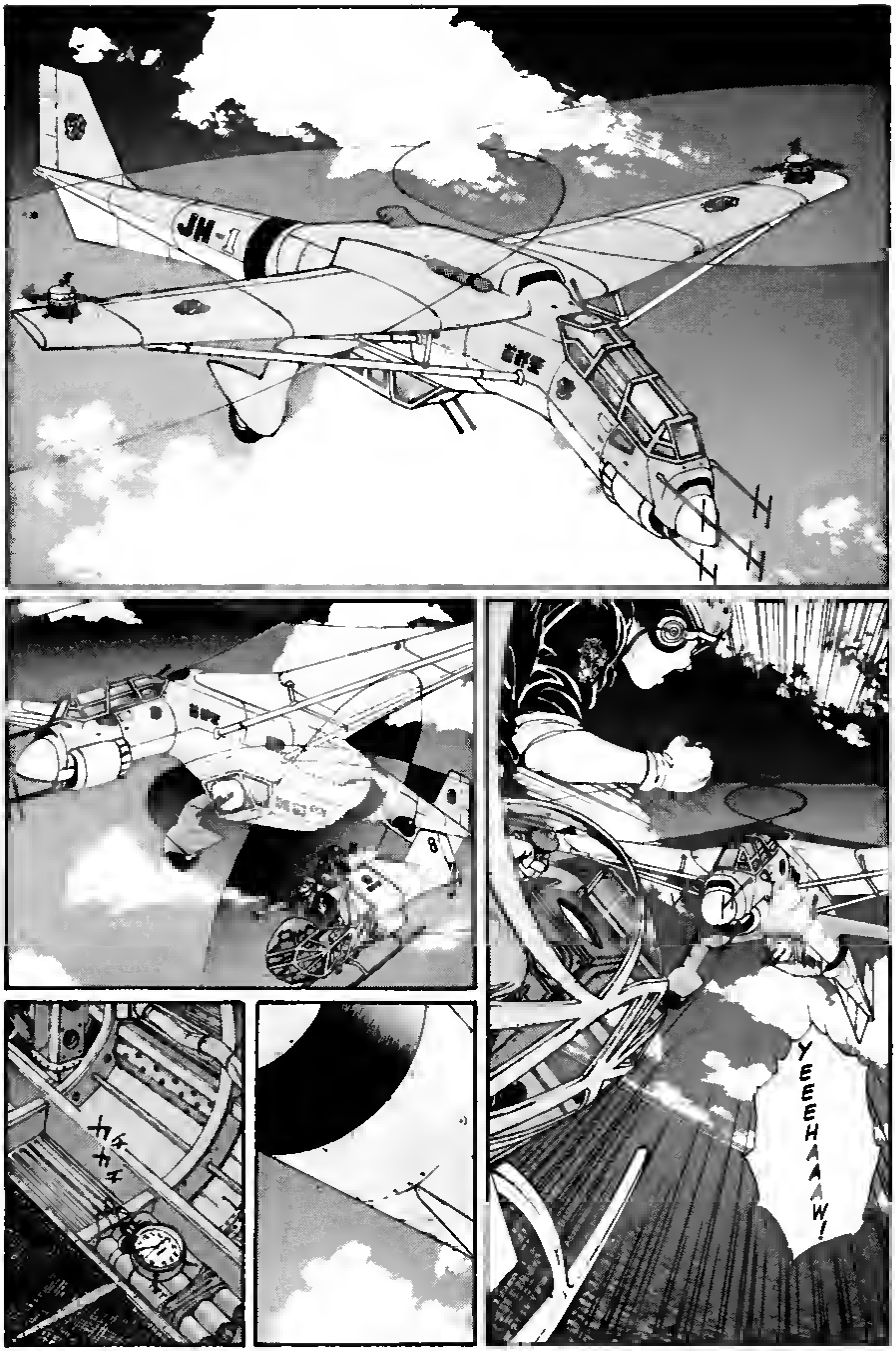
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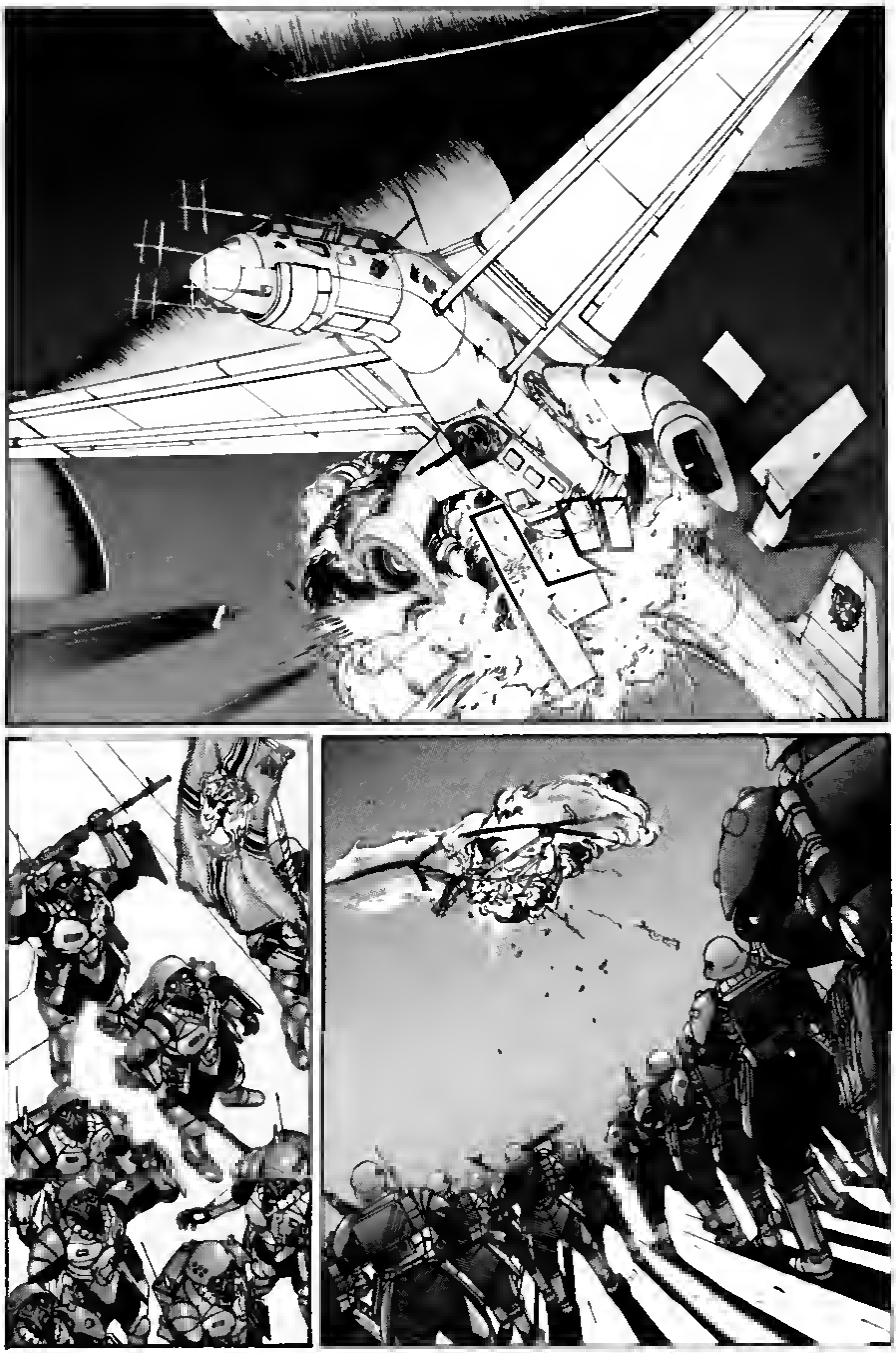
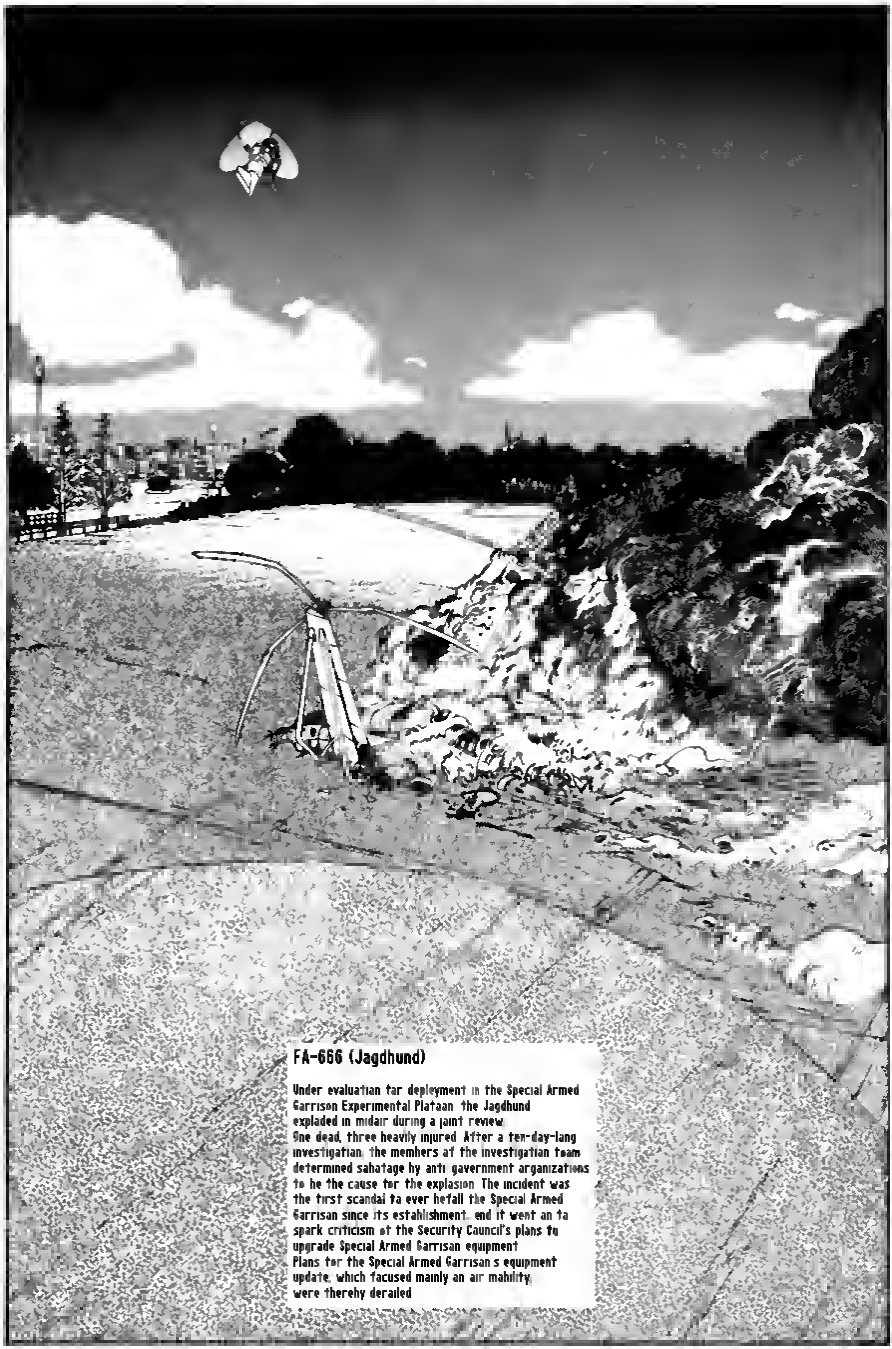
YEEEHAAAW!

THERE IT IS
ALRIGHT!
BABY!
WOW!



IT BURNS... MY HELI...
MY HELICOPTER IS BURNING!!

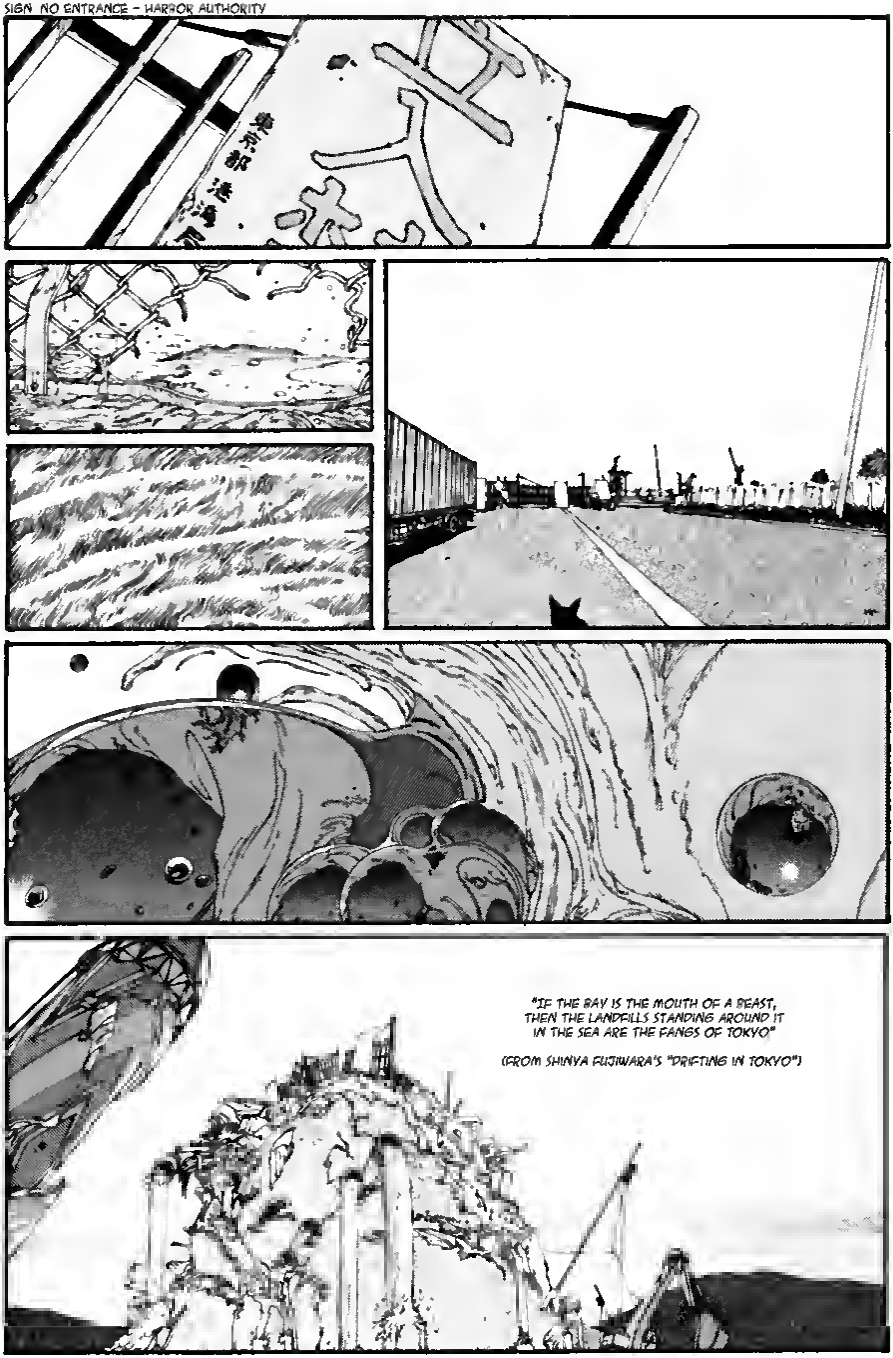


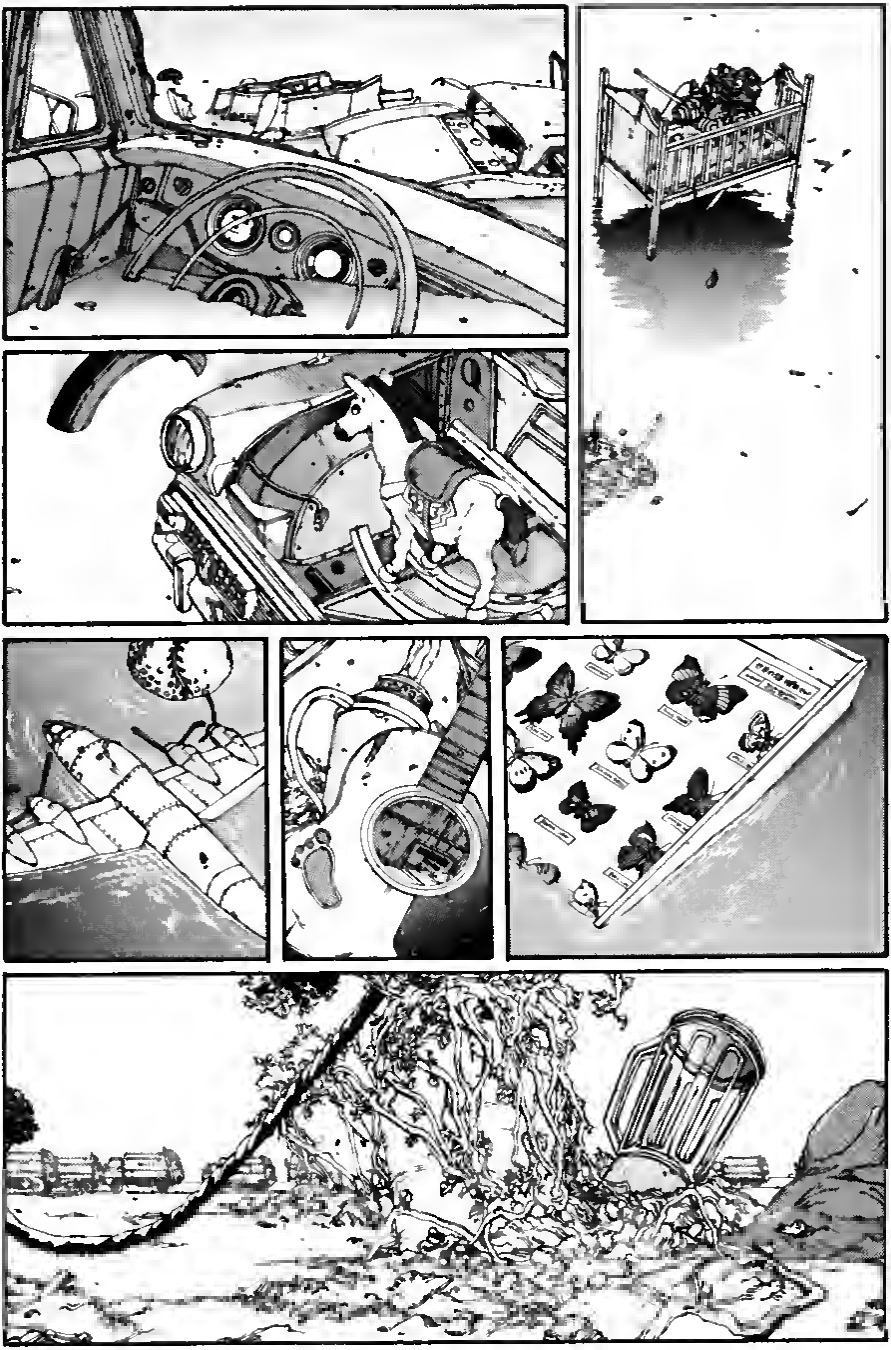
FA-666 (Jagdhund)

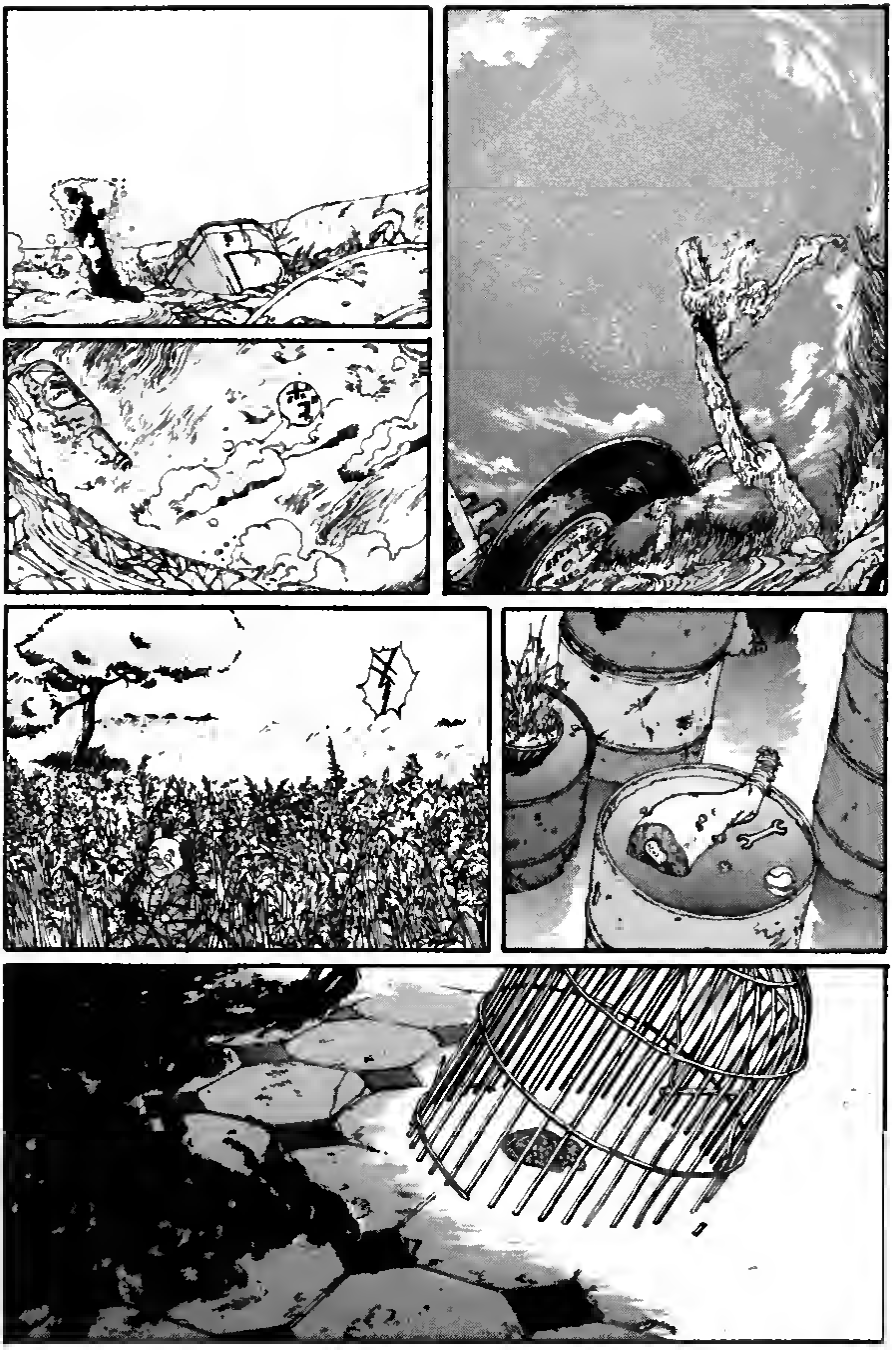
Under evaluation for deployment in the Special Armed Garrison Experimental Plateau, the Jagdhund exploded in midair during a joint review.
One dead, three heavily injured. After a ten-day-long investigation, the members of the investigation team determined sabotage by anti-government organizations to be the cause for the explosion. The incident was the first scandal to ever befall the Special Armed Garrison since its establishment, and it went on to spark criticism of the Security Council's plans to upgrade Special Armed Garrison equipment.
Plans for the Special Armed Garrison's equipment update, which focused mainly on air mobility, were thereby derailed.

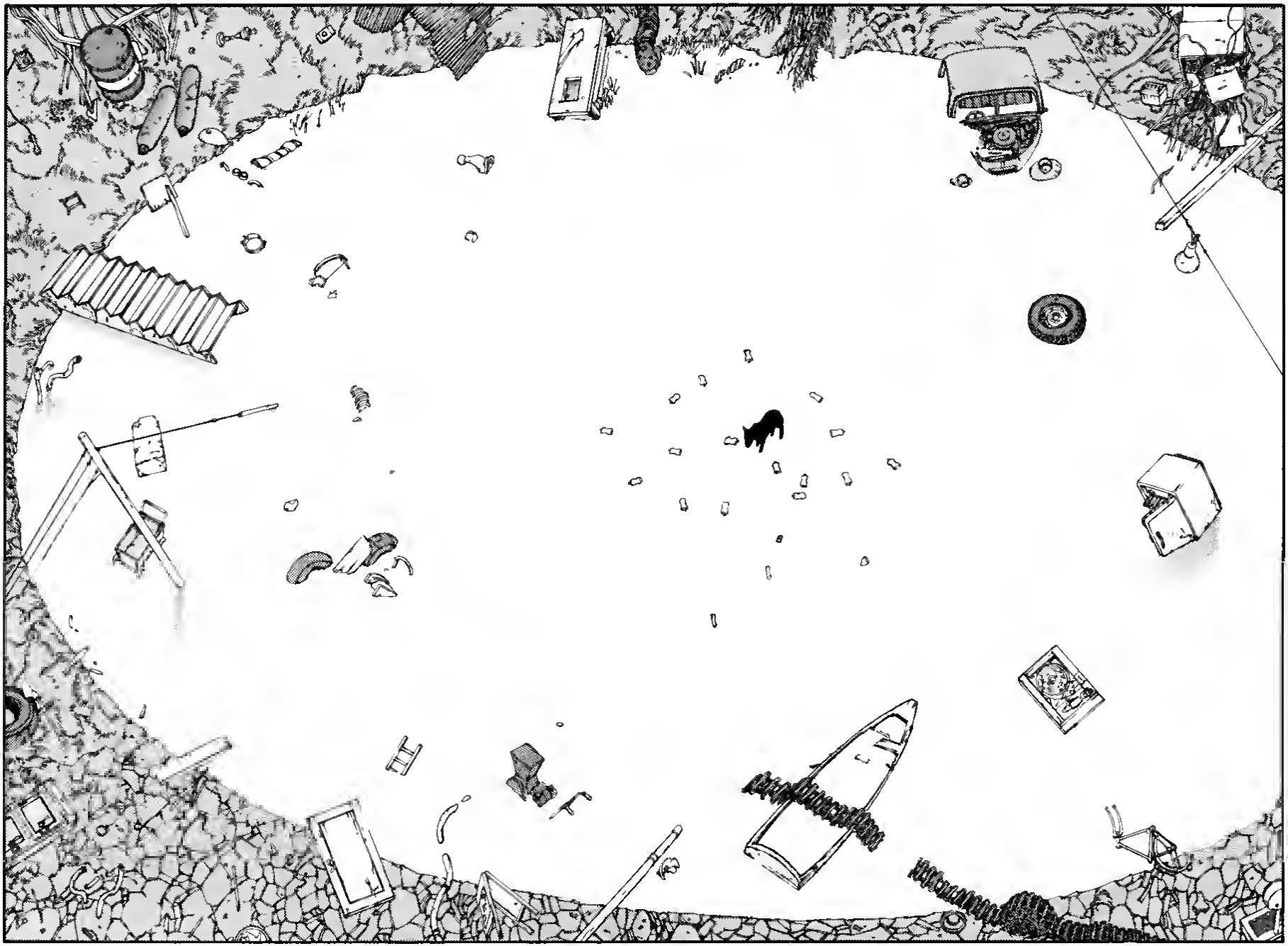
ACT 3
STRAY DOG

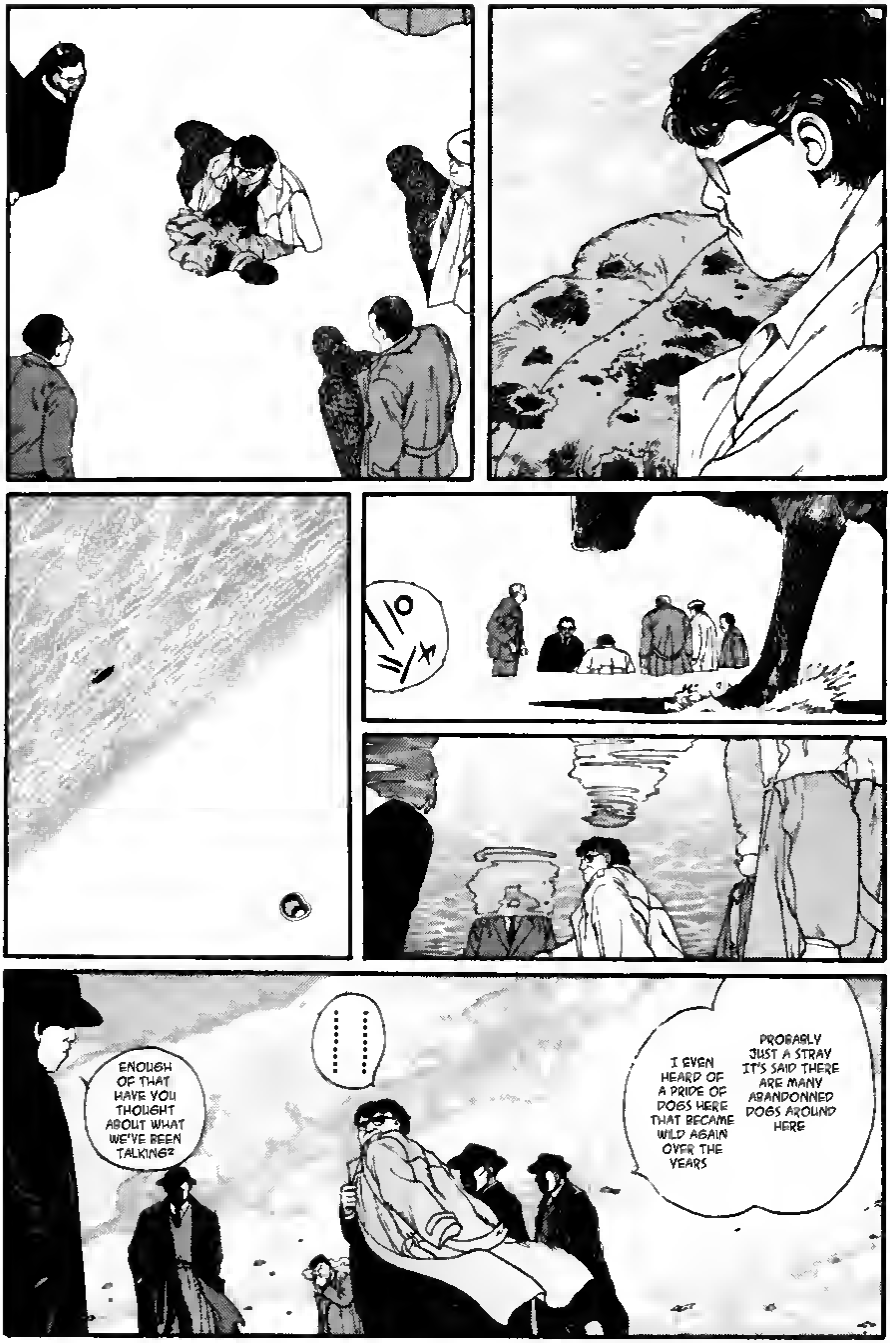
SIGN: NO ENTRANCE - HARBOR AUTHORITY


"IF THE BAY IS THE MOUTH OF A BEAST,
THEN THE LANDFILLS STANDING AROUND IT
IN THE SEA ARE THE FANGS OF TOKYO"
(FROM SHINYA FUJIWARA'S "DRIFTING IN TOKYO")








PROBABLY JUST A STRAY
IT'S SAID THERE ARE MANY ABANDONNED DOGS AROUND HERE
I EVEN HEARD OF A PRIDE OF DOGS HERE THAT BECAME WILD AGAIN OVER THE YEARS
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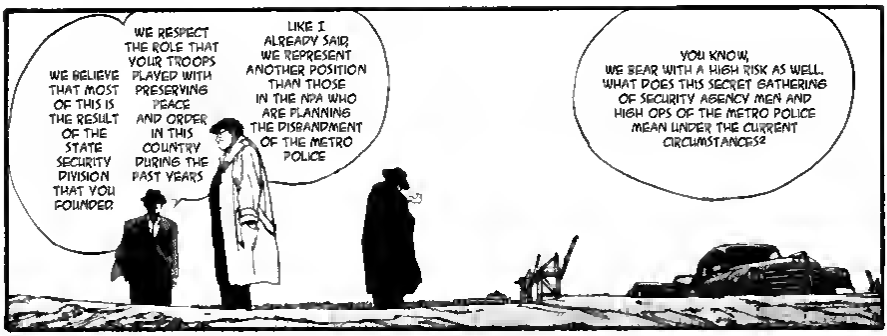
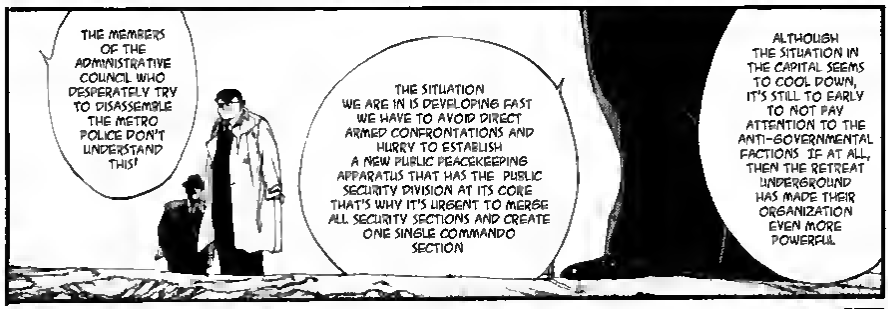
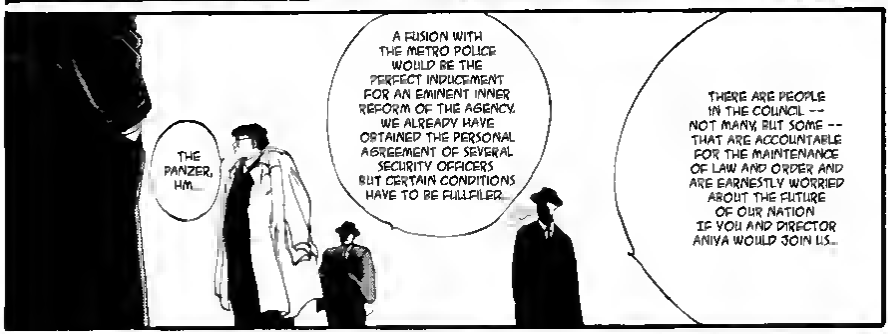
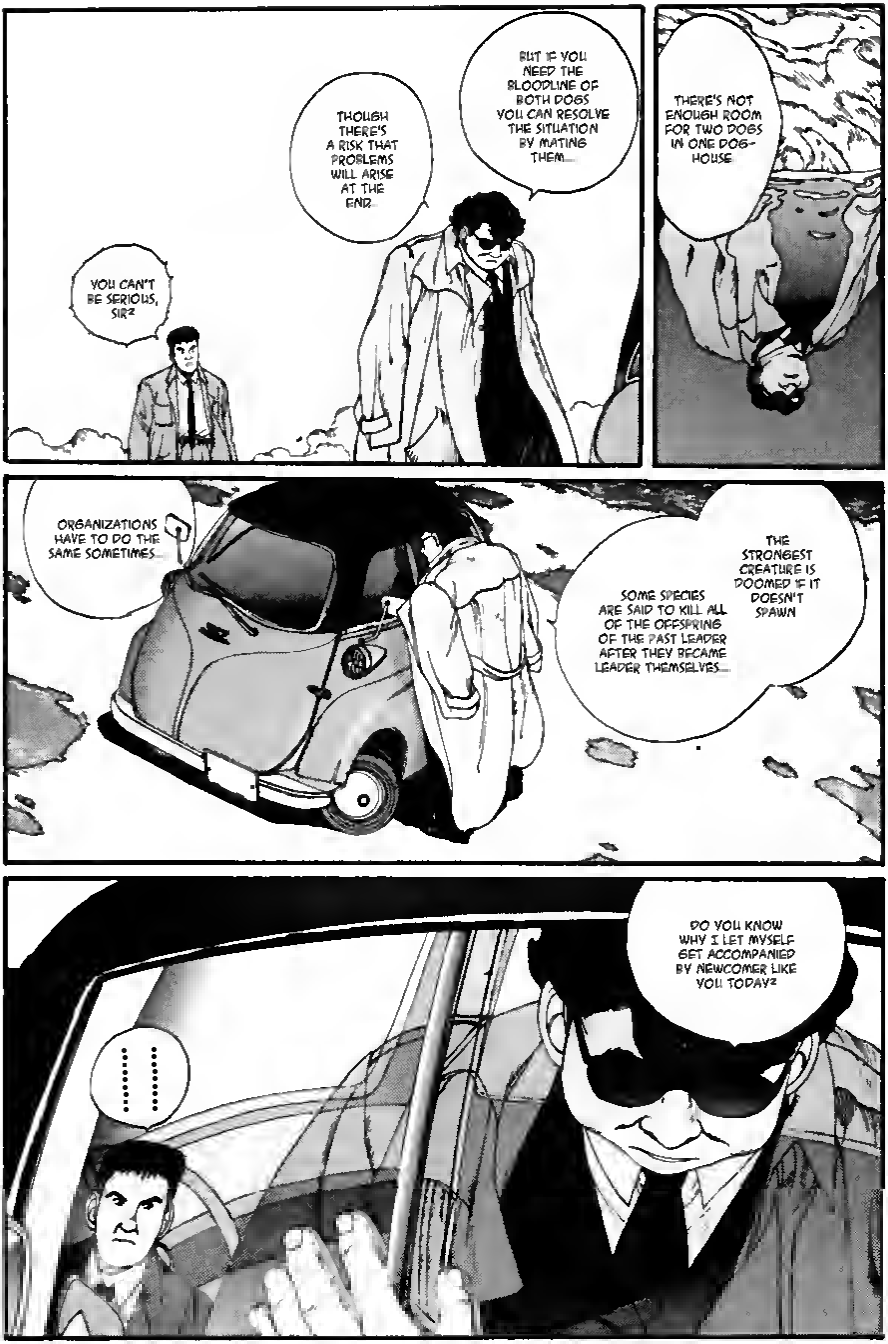
ENOUGH OF THAT
HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT WHAT WE'VE BEEN TALKING?


WE BELIEVE THAT MOST OF THIS IS THE RESULT OF THE STATE SECURITY DIVISION THAT YOU FOUNDED
WE RESPECT THE ROLE THAT YOUR TROOPS PLAYED WITH PRESERVING PEACE AND ORDER IN THIS COUNTRY DURING THE PAST YEARS
LIKE I ALREADY SAID, WE REPRESENT ANOTHER POSITION THAN THOSE IN THE NPA WHO ARE PLANNING THE DISBANDMENT OF THE METRO POLICE
YOU KNOW, WE BEAR WITH A HIGH RISK AS WELL. WHAT DOES THIS SECRET GATHERING OF SECURITY AGENCY MEN AND HIGH OPS OF THE METRO POLICE MEAN UNDER THE CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES?


THE MEMBERS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL WHO DESPERATELY TRY TO DISASSEMBLE THE METRO POLICE DON'T UNDERSTAND THIS!
THE SITUATION WE ARE IN IS DEVELOPING FAST WE HAVE TO AVOID DIRECT ARMED CONFRONTATIONS AND HURRY TO ESTABLISH A NEW PUBLIC PEACEKEEPING APPARATUS THAT HAS THE PUBLIC SECURITY DIVISION AT ITS CORE THAT'S WHY IT'S URGENT TO MERGE ALL SECURITY SECTIONS AND CREATE ONE SINGLE COMMANDO SECTION
ALTHOUGH THE SITUATION IN THE CAPITAL SEEMS TO COOL DOWN, IT'S STILL TO EARLY TO NOT PAY ATTENTION TO THE ANTI-GOVERNMENTAL FACTIONS IF AT ALL, THEN THE RETREAT UNDERGROUND HAS MADE THEIR ORGANIZATION EVEN MORE POWERFUL


THE PANZER, HM...
A FUSION WITH THE METRO POLICE WOULD BE THE PERFECT INDICEMENT FOR AN EMINENT INNER REFORM OF THE AGENCY. WE ALREADY HAVE OBTAINED THE PERSONAL AGREEMENT OF SEVERAL SECURITY OFFICERS BUT CERTAIN CONDITIONS HAVE TO BE FULLFILED.
THERE ARE PEOPLE IN THE COUNCIL -- NOT MANY, BUT SOME -- THAT ARE ACCOUNTABLE FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF LAW AND ORDER AND ARE EARNESTLY WORRIED ABOUT THE FUTURE OF OUR NATION IF YOU AND DIRECTOR ANIYA WOULD JOIN US...

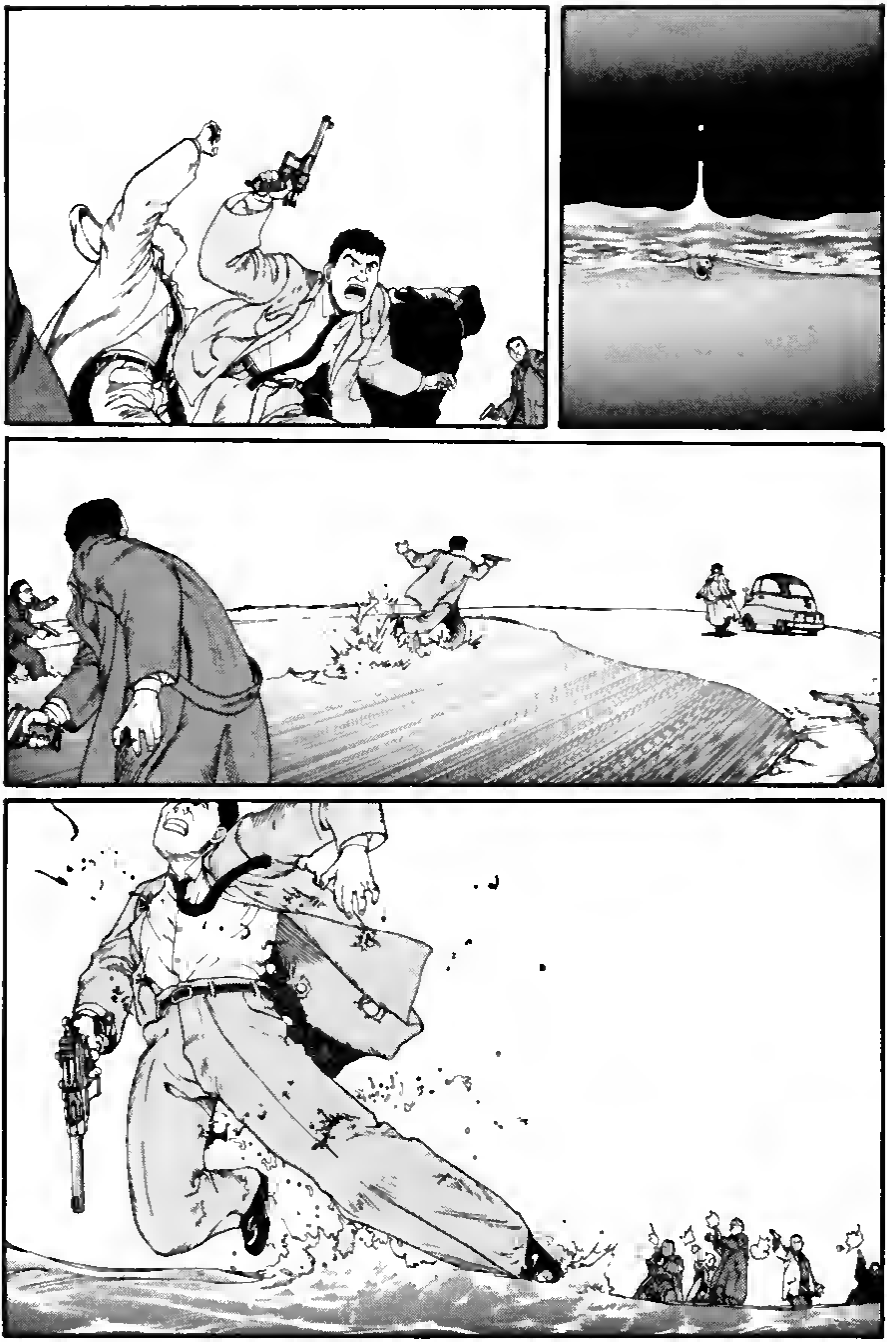
SIR?
WHAT DO YOU THINK?
I WOULDN'T BE SURPRISED IF THE MEMBERS HAVE AGREED TO THIS PLAN TO KEEP THE COUNCIL IN POWER.
!?.....
ONE WORD FROM THE OFFICE OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS, AND THEY WOULD WALK BACK INTO THEIR DOGHOUSE WITH THEIR TAILS BETWEEN THEIR LEGS
I THINK THAT'S JUST A BUNCH OF SLIPERRY LIARS, SIR
THAT COULD BE BUT THEIR ESTIMATION OF THE SITUATION IS CORRECT THOUGH

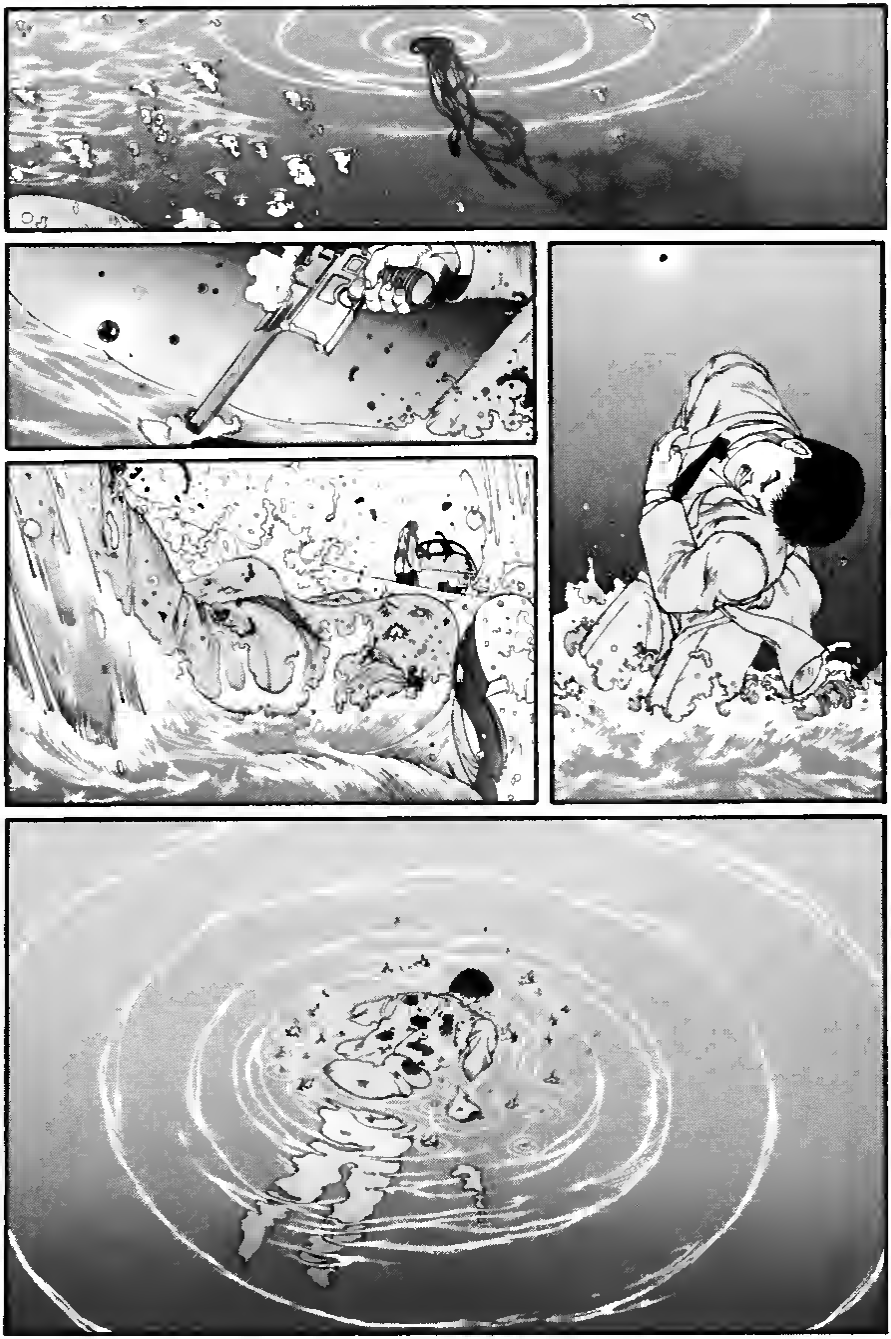

YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS, SIR?
THOUGH THERE'S A RISK THAT PROBLEMS WILL ARISE AT THE END...
BUT IF YOU NEED THE BLOODLINE OF BOTH DOGS YOU CAN RESOLVE THE SITUATION BY MATING THEM...
THERE'S NOT ENOUGH ROOM FOR TWO DOGS IN ONE DOG-HOUSE
ORGANIZATIONS HAVE TO DO THE SAME SOMETIMES...
SOME SPECIES ARE SAID TO KILL ALL OF THE OFFSPRING OF THE PAST LEADER AFTER THEY BECAME LEADER THEMSELVES...
THE STRONGEST CREATURE IS DOOMED IF IT DOESN'T SPAWN
DO YOU KNOW WHY I LET MYSELF GET ACCOMPANIED BY NEWCOMER LIKE YOU TODAY?
.....

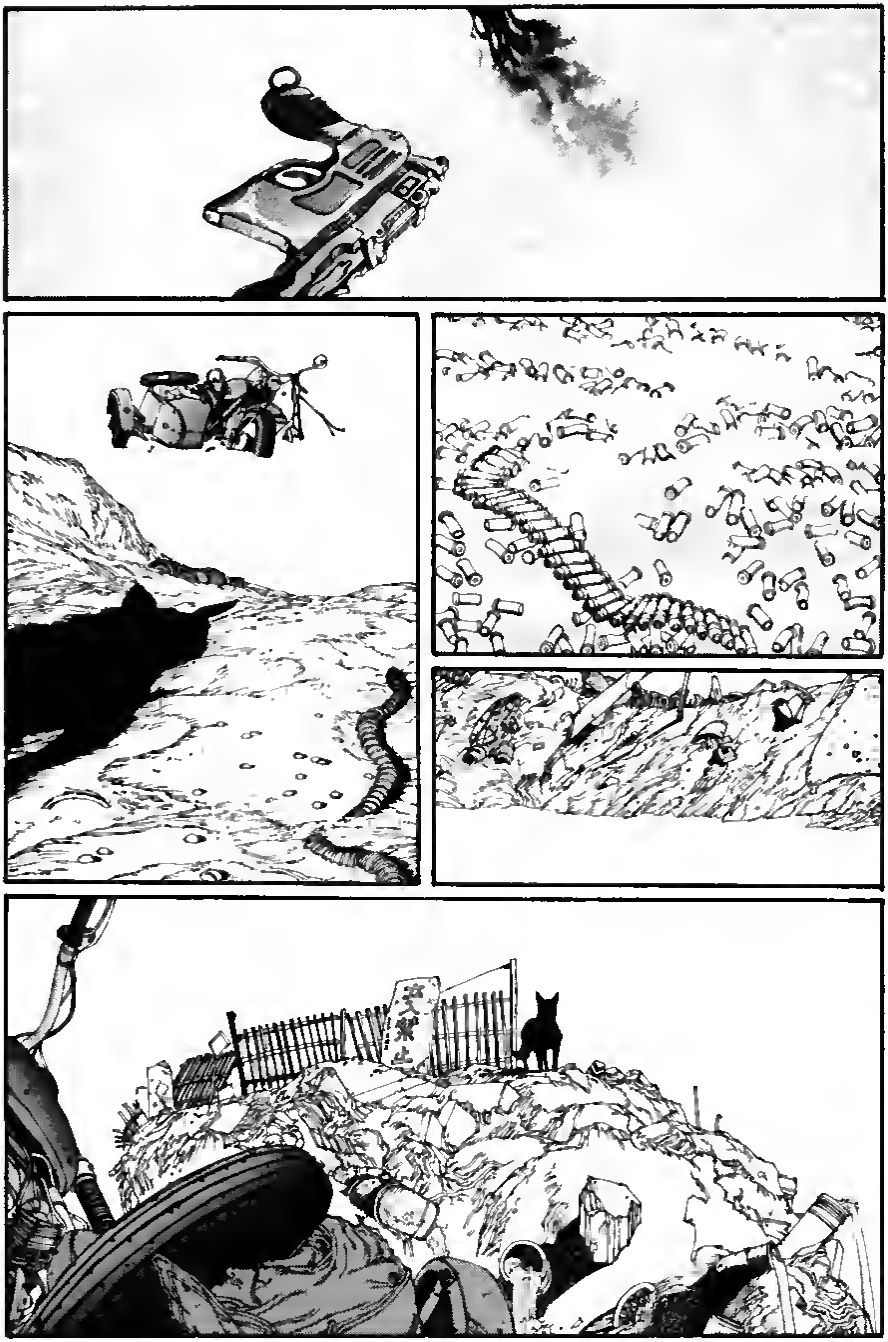
WELL, I'M A GRADUATE OF THEIR TRAINING CAMP. MANY OF MY CLASSMATES ENROLLED IN THE PANZER.
I HEARD THAT YOU HAVE A LOT OF FRIENDS AT THE PANZER
.....
AND ONE DAY WHEN YOU WHERE NOT IN SERVICE, YOU INCIDENTALLY MEET A FRIEND, WHO BY CHANCE WAS A MEMBER OF THE NINTH PLATOON, AND YOU TOTALLY FORGOT THAT YOU HAVE TO INFORM ANY ENCOUNTERS OF THAT SORT TO YOUR SUPERVISORS. RIGHT?

A DOG, HM?
A DOG THAT KNOWS NO MASTER?!
"I EVEN HEARD OF A PRIDE OF DOGS HERE THAT BECAME WILD AGAIN OVER THE YEARS"
"IT'S SAID THERE ARE MANY ABANDONNED DOGS AROUND HERE"

...WHO IS IT THE DOG IS SUPPOSED TO PRESERVE HIS BLOODLINE FOR, ANYWAY?
SAY, CHIEF



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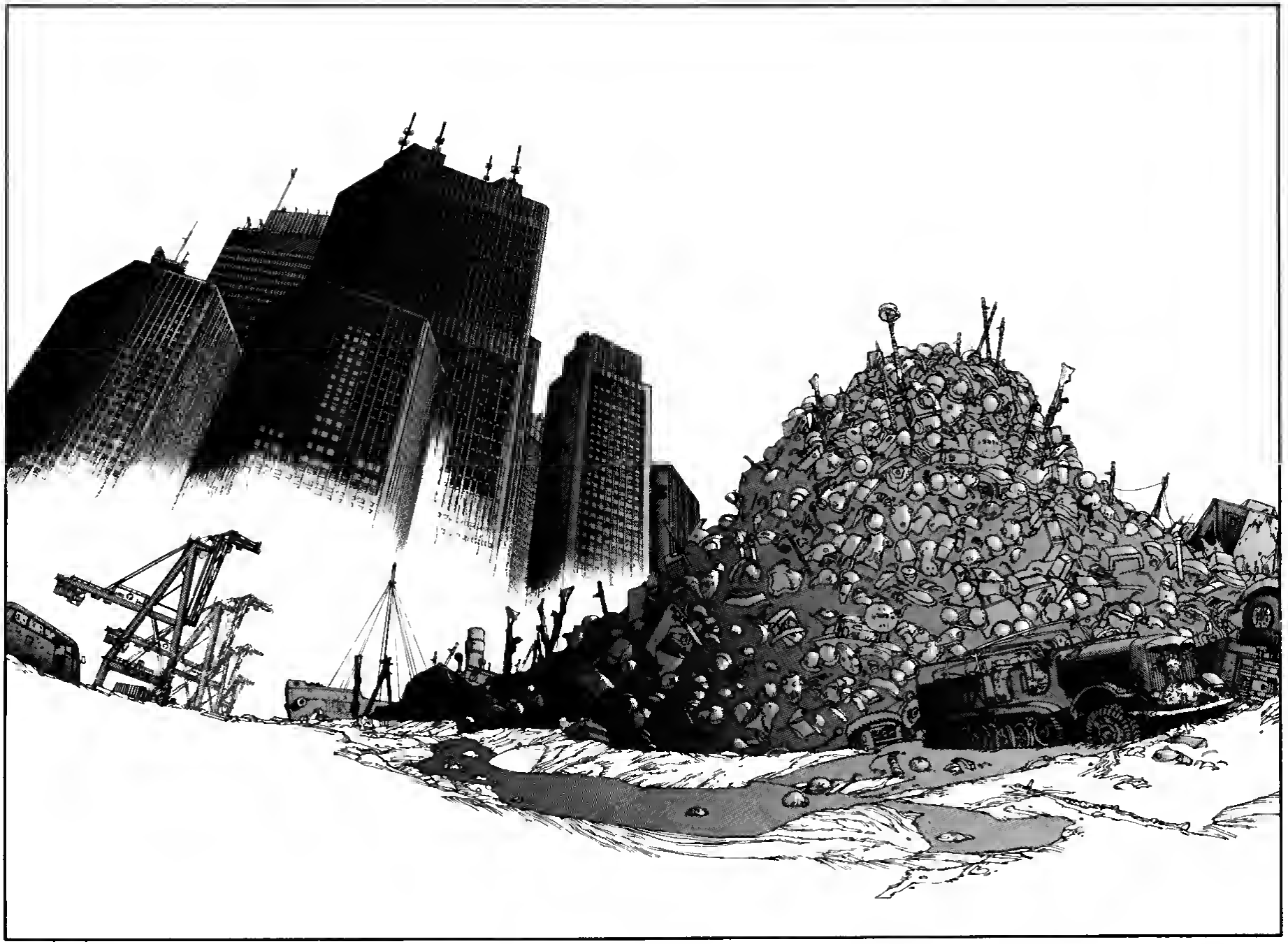
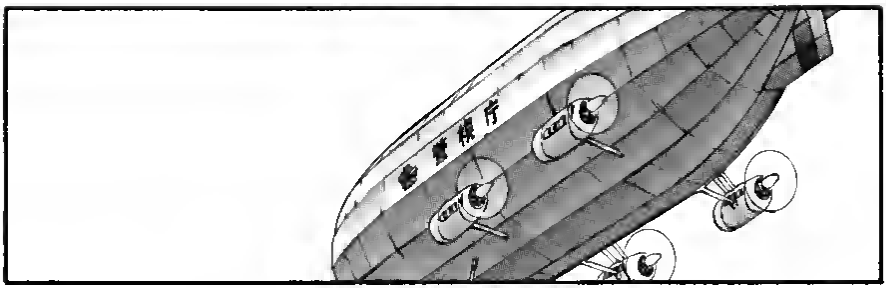
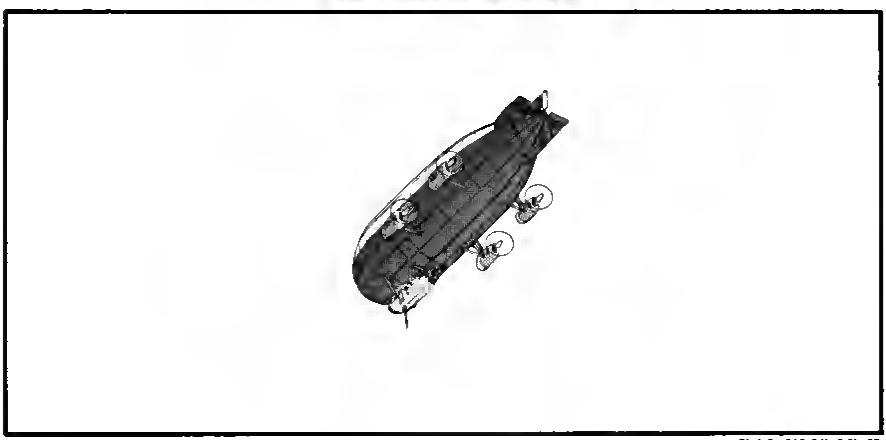


ACT 4 THE FIGHTING DOG

CHAPTER 1 BEGINNING





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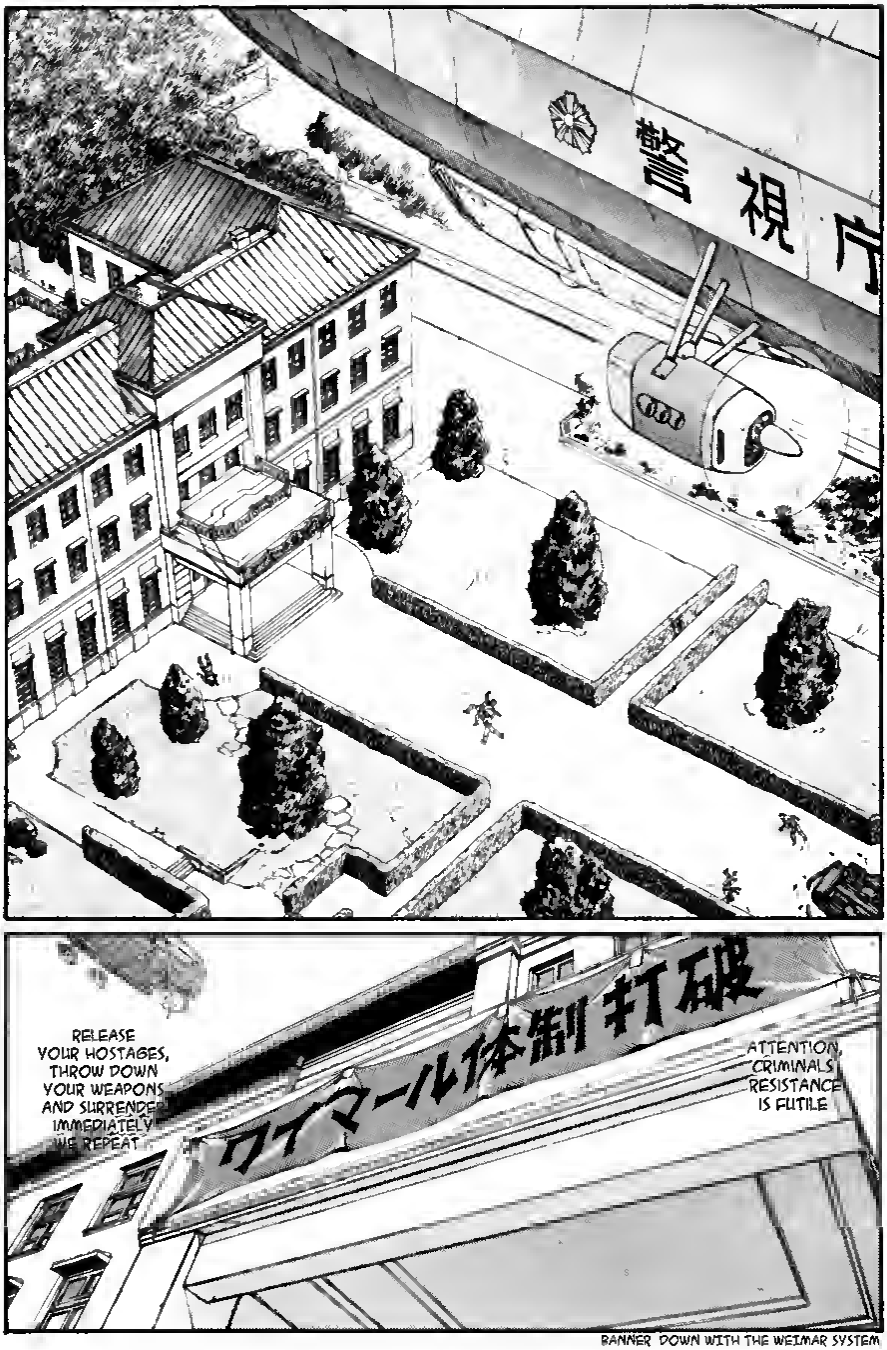
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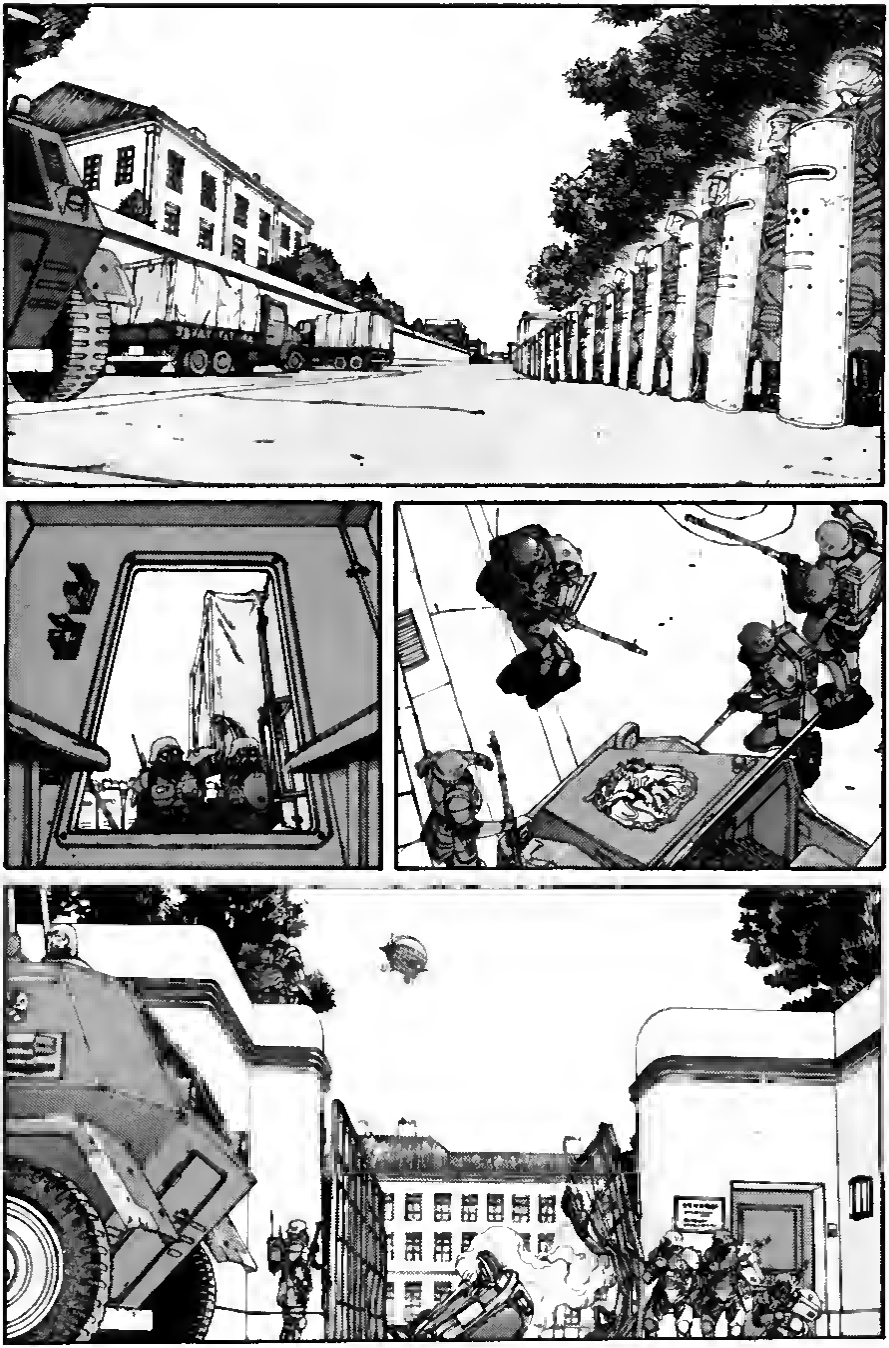
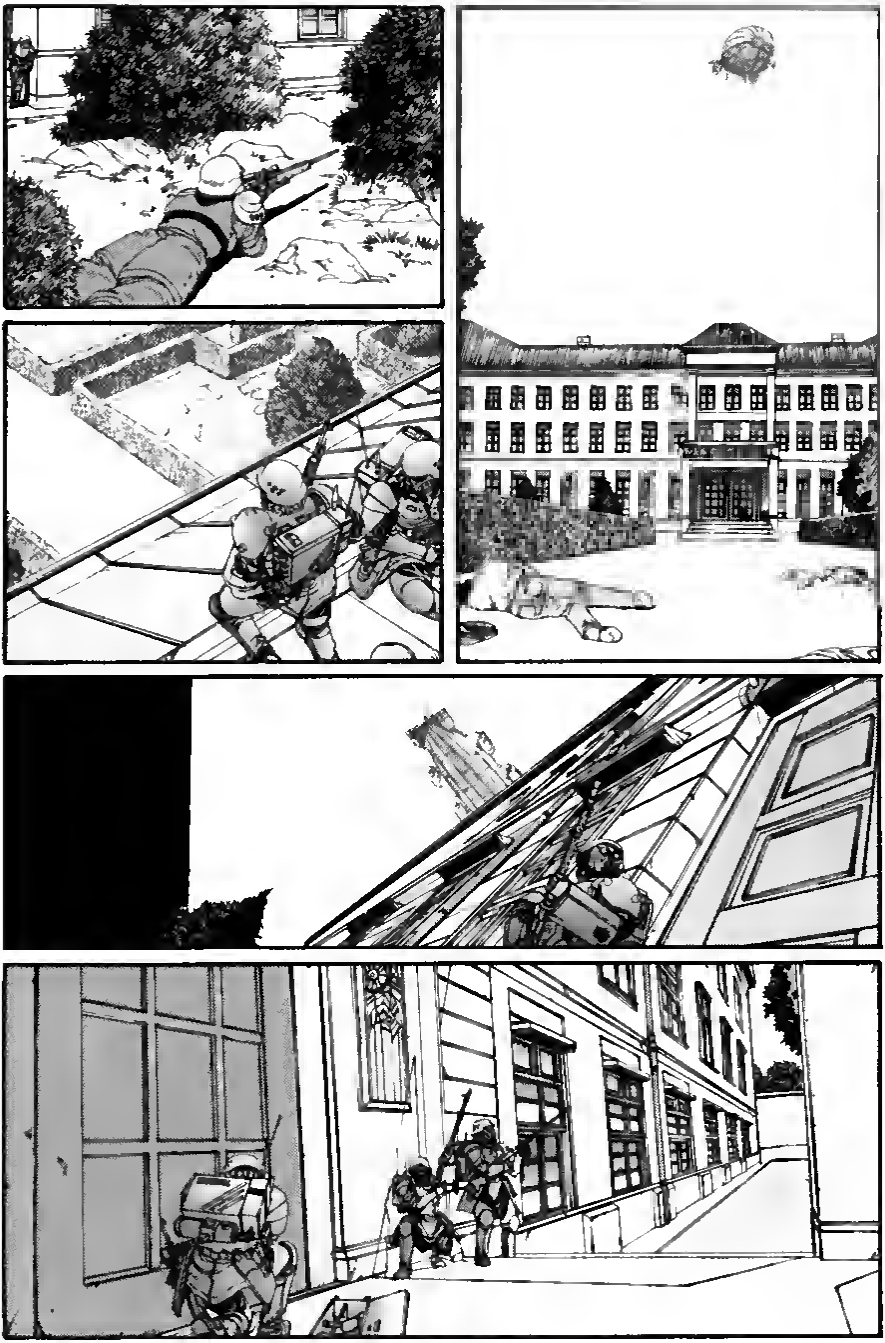
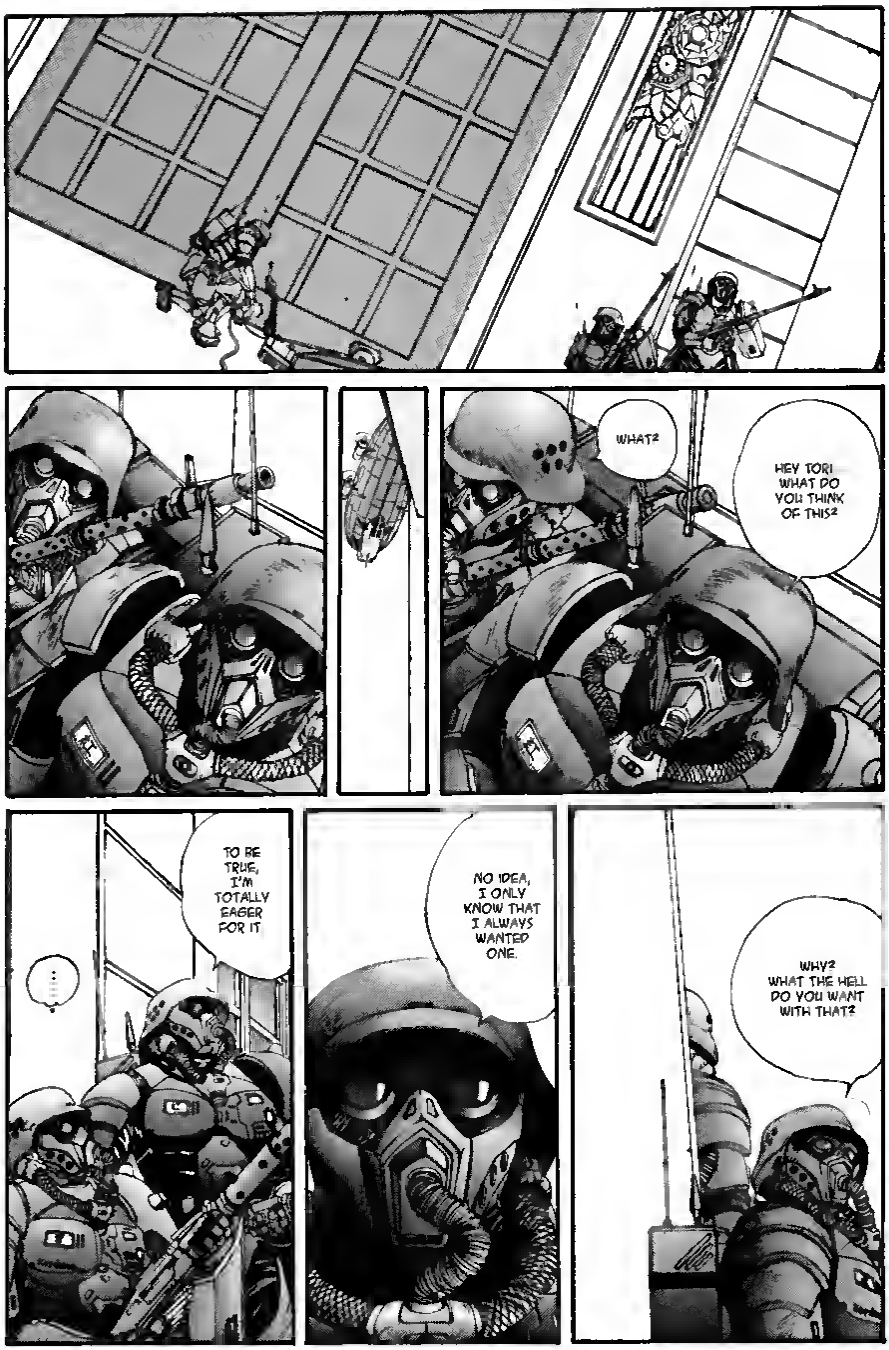
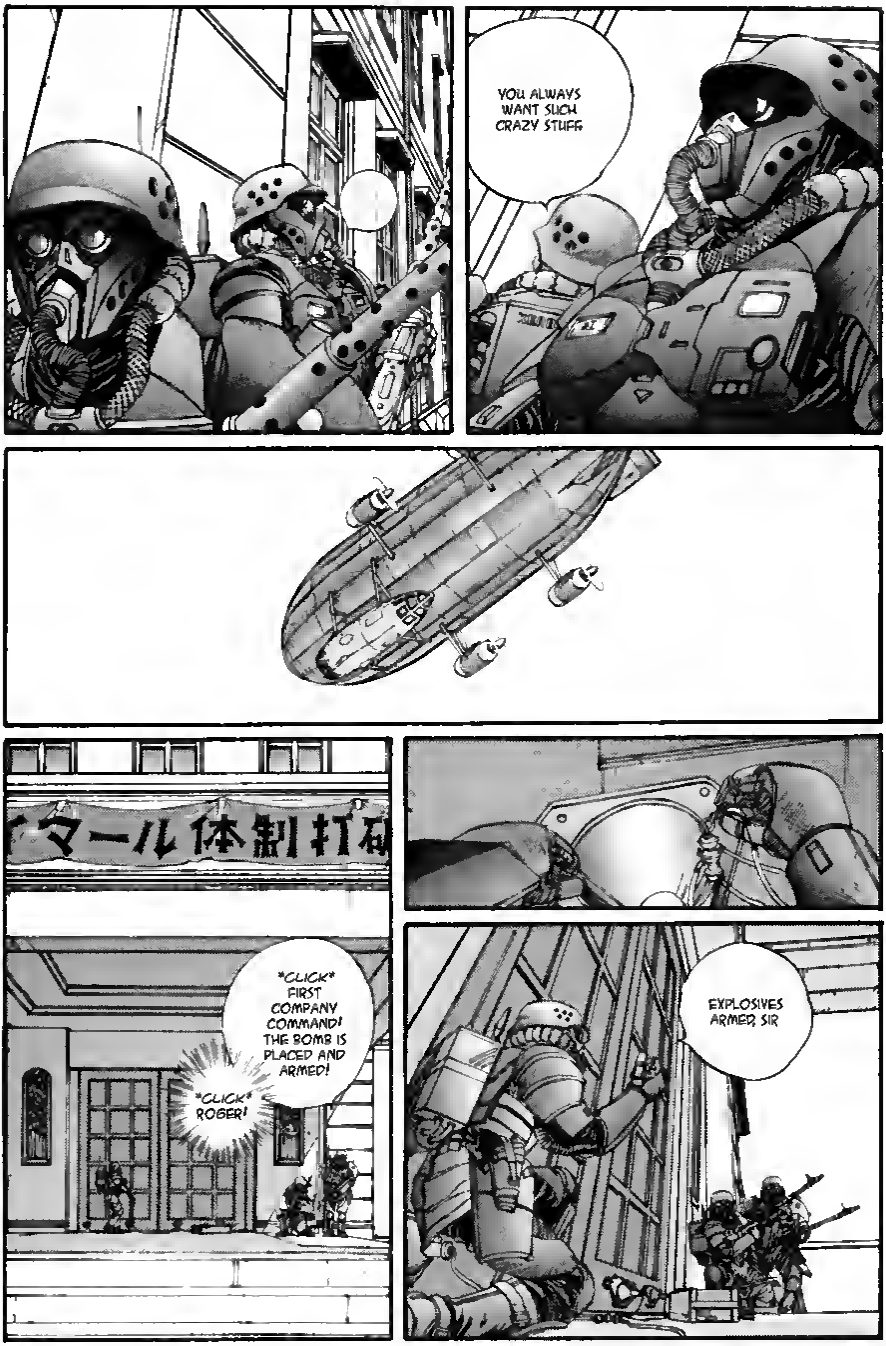
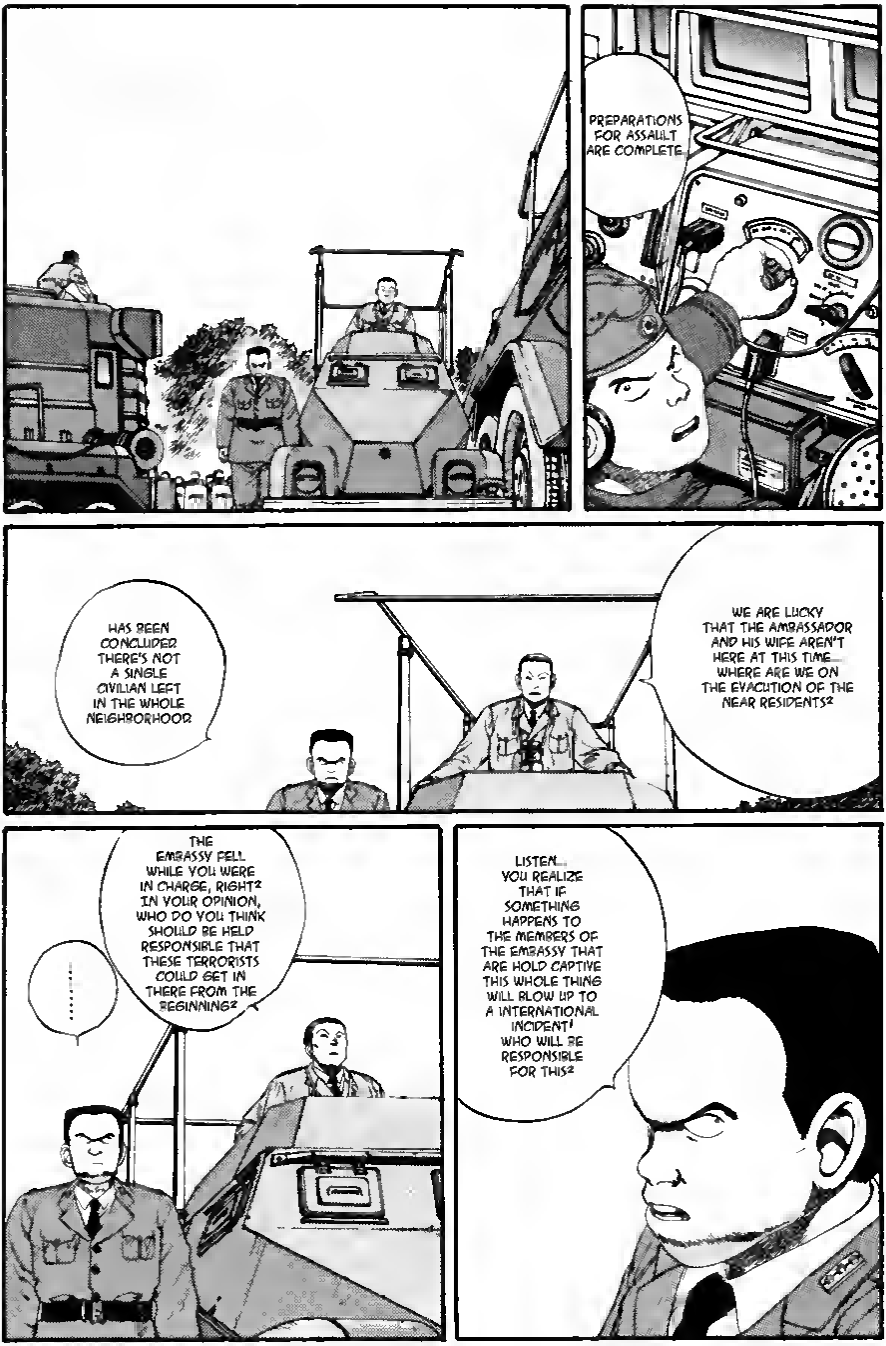
RELEASE YOUR HOSTAGES, THROW DOWN YOUR WEAPONS AND SURRENDER IMMEDIATELY WE REPEAT
ワイマール体制打破
ATTENTION, CRIMINALS RESISTANCE IS FUTILE
RANNER DOWN WITH THE WEIMAR SYSTEM






WHAT?
HEY TORI WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THIS?
TO BE TRUE, I'M TOTALLY EAGER FOR IT
NO IDEA, I ONLY KNOW THAT I ALWAYS WANTED ONE.
WHY? WHAT THE HELL DO YOU WANT WITH THAT?


YOU ALWAYS WANT SUCH CRAZY STUFF
CLICK FIRST COMPANY COMMAND! THE BOMB IS PLACED AND ARMED!
CLICK ROGER!
EXPLOSIVES ARMED, SIR


PREPARATIONS FOR ASSAULT ARE COMPLETE
HAS BEEN CONCLUDED THERE'S NOT A SINGLE CIVILIAN LEFT IN THE WHOLE NEIGHBORHOOD
WE ARE LUCKY THAT THE AMBASSADOR AND HIS WIFE AREN'T HERE AT THIS TIME... WHERE ARE WE ON THE EVACUATION OF THE NEAR RESIDENTS?
THE EMBASSY FELL WHILE YOU WERE IN CHARGE, RIGHT? IN YOUR OPINION, WHO DO YOU THINK SHOULD BE HELD RESPONSIBLE THAT THESE TERRORISTS COULD GET IN THERE FROM THE BEGINNING?
.....
LISTEN... YOU REALIZE THAT IF SOMETHING HAPPENS TO THE MEMBERS OF THE EMBASSY THAT ARE HOLD CAPTIVE THIS WHOLE THING WILL BLOW UP TO A INTERNATIONAL INCIDENT! WHO WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS?

I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF YOUR ARROGANT BEHAVIOUR, HANDA! I WILL FILE IN A COMPLAINT AT THE SECURITY COMMISSION NPA. YOUR ARBITRARY EXPANSION OF AUTHORITY IN AN EMERGENCY SITUATION LIKE THIS IS CONTRAPRODUCTIVE TO THE PEACEKEEPING EFFORTS OF THE CAPITAL POLICE!
COMMENCE OPERATIONS IN 30 SECONDS.

NPA: NATIONAL POLICE AGENCY.

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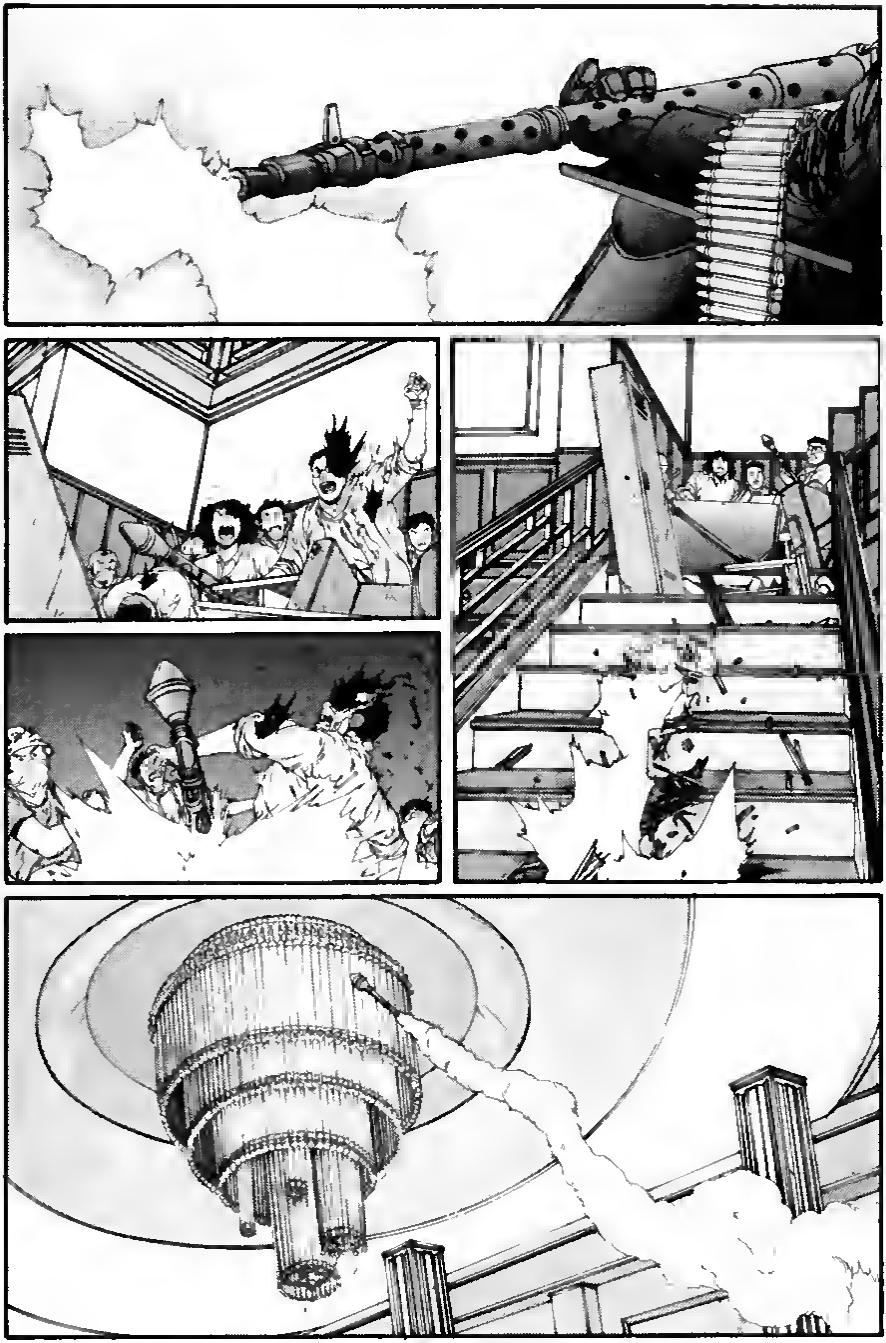

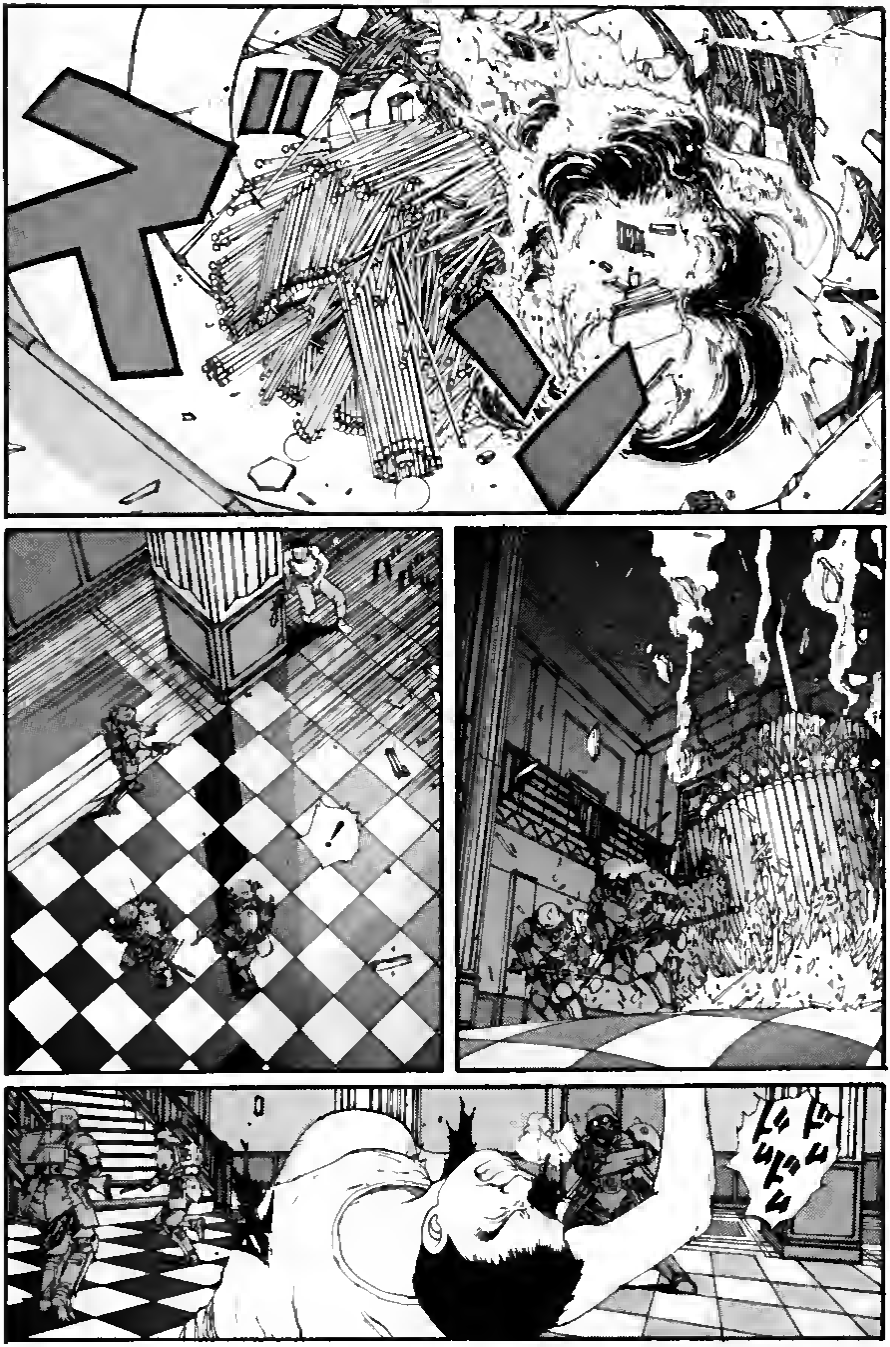
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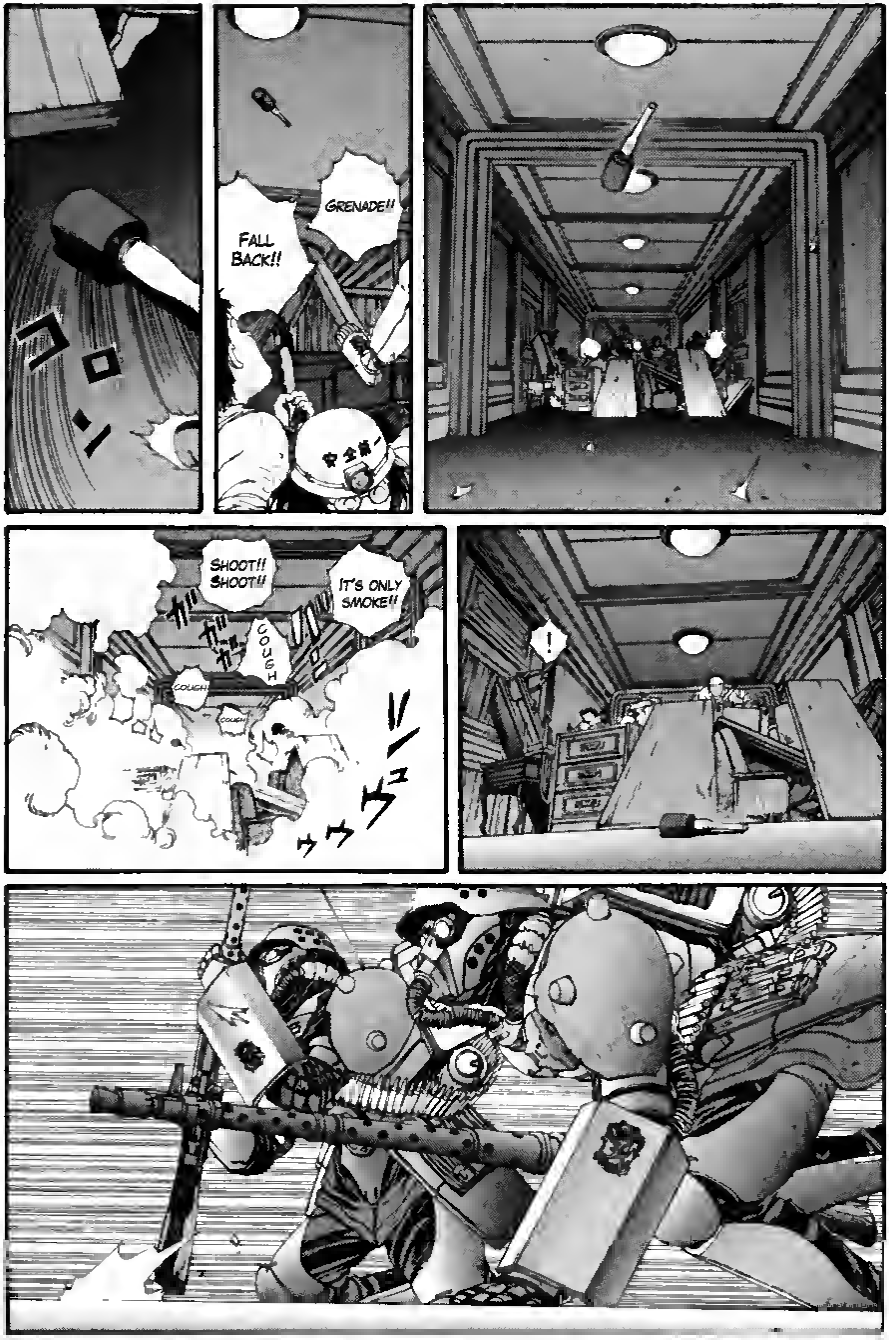
THE LOBBY IS SECURED !!
DAMN!


GRENADE!!
FALL BACK!!
SHOOT!! SHOOT!!
IT'S ONLY SMOKE!!
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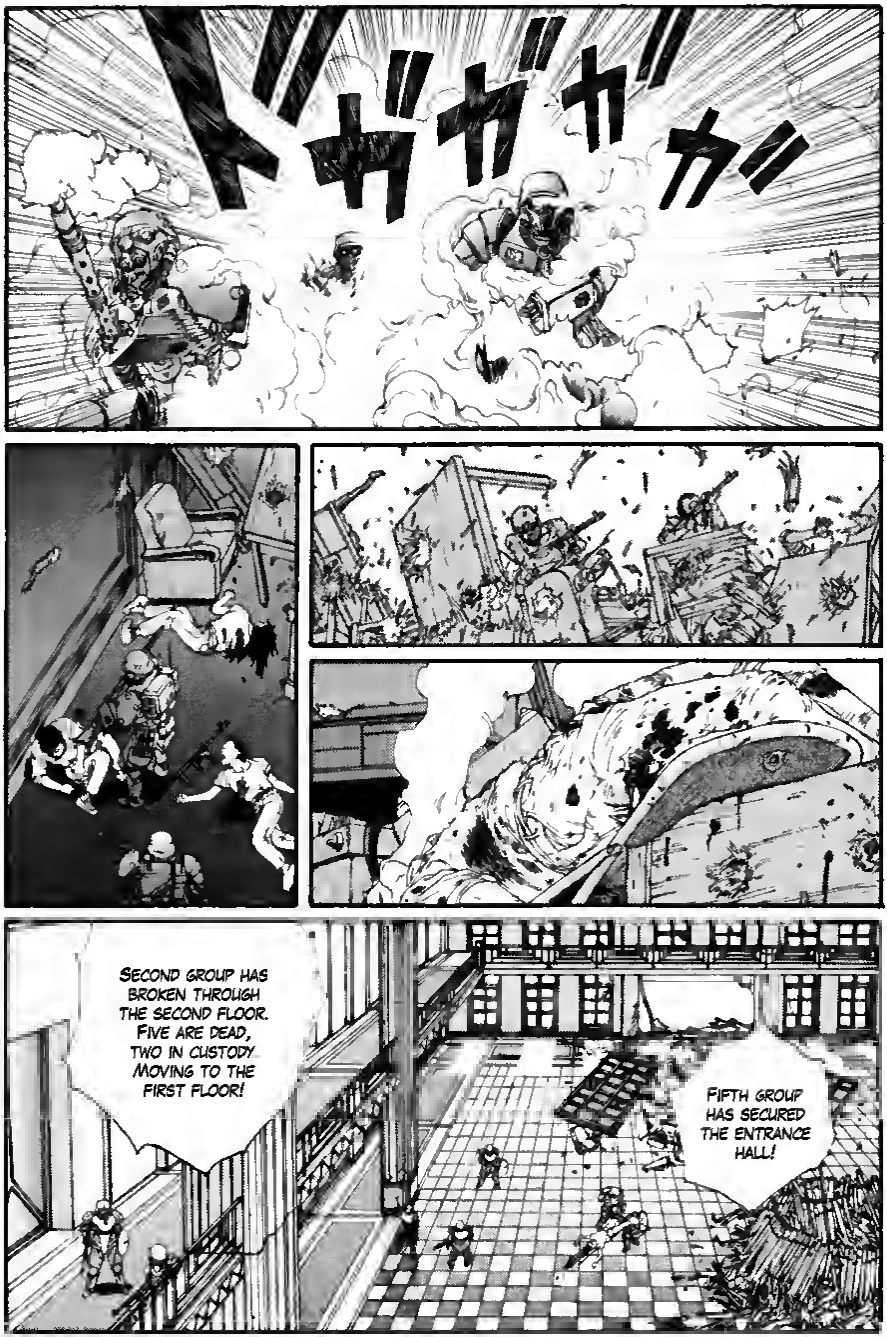
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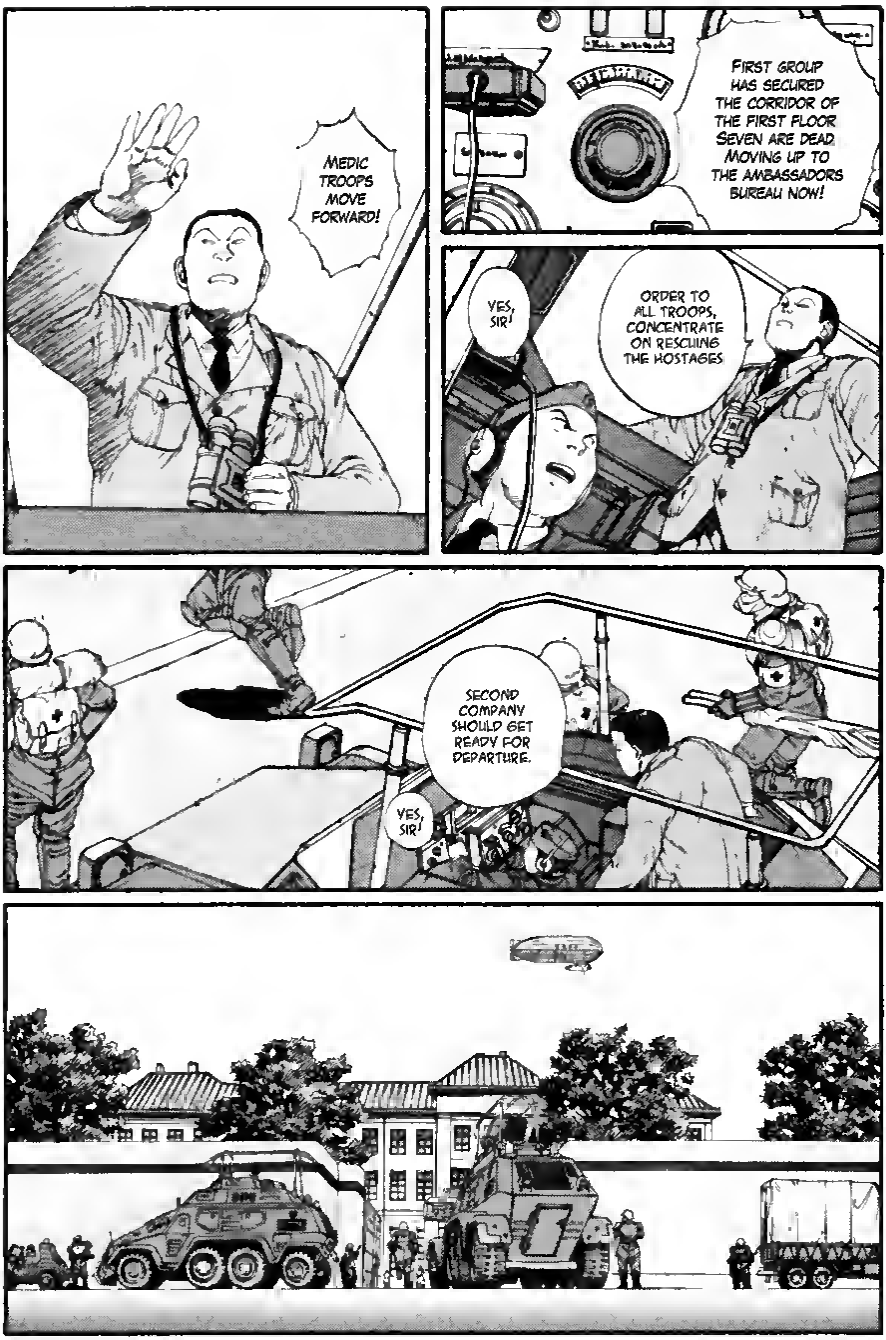
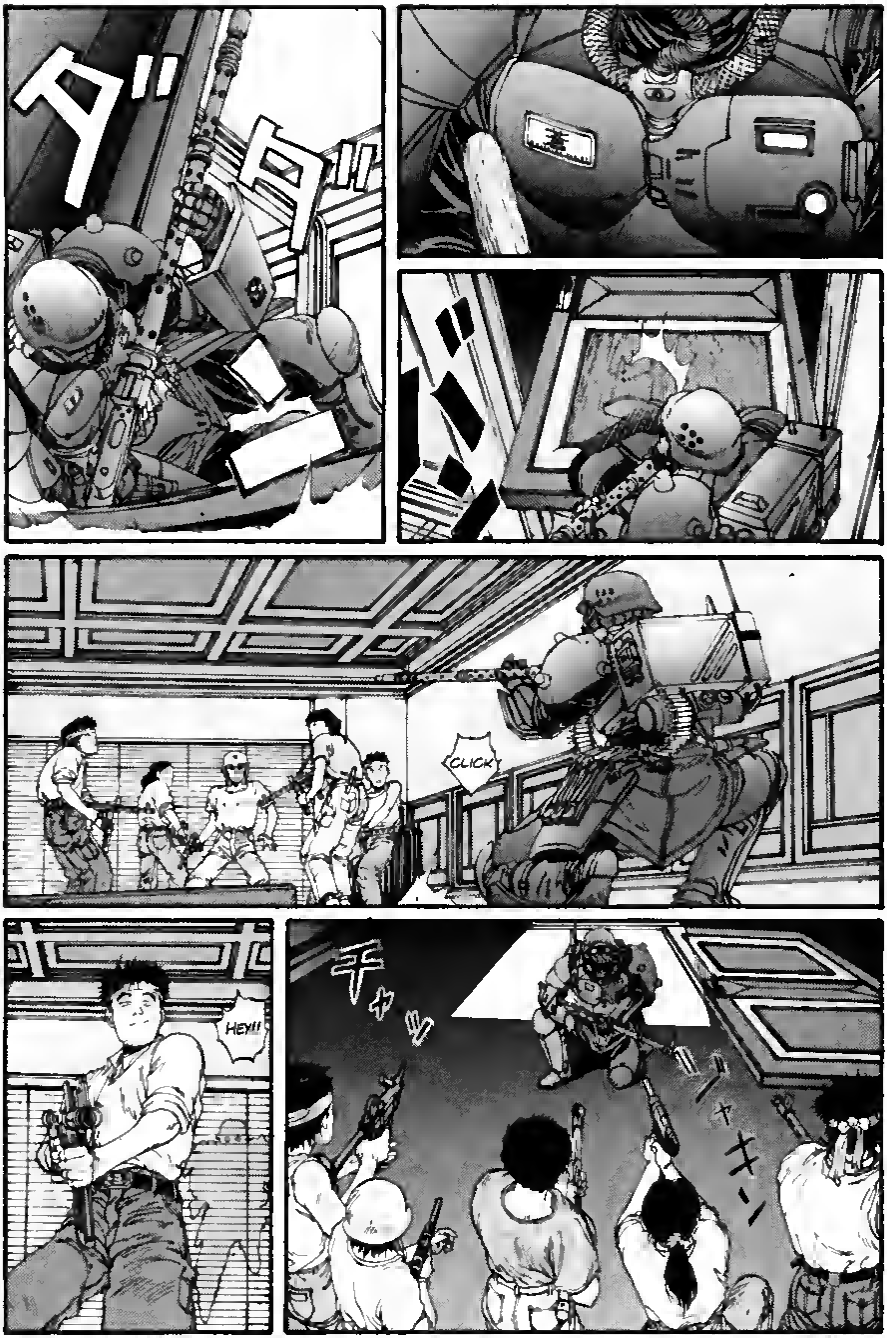
SECOND GROUP HAS BROKEN THROUGH THE SECOND FLOOR. FIVE ARE DEAD, TWO IN CUSTODY. MOVING TO THE FIRST FLOOR!
FIFTH GROUP HAS SECURED THE ENTRANCE HALL!


MEDIC TROOPS MOVE FORWARD!
FIRST GROUP HAS SECURED THE CORRIDOR OF THE FIRST FLOOR SEVEN ARE DEAD. MOVING UP TO THE AMBASSADORS BUREAU NOW!
YES, SIR!
ORDER TO ALL TROOPS, CONCENTRATE ON RESCUING THE HOSTAGES
SECOND COMPANY SHOULD GET READY FOR DEPARTURE.
YES, SIR!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A KID!
!JAAH.. AH!!
AH!

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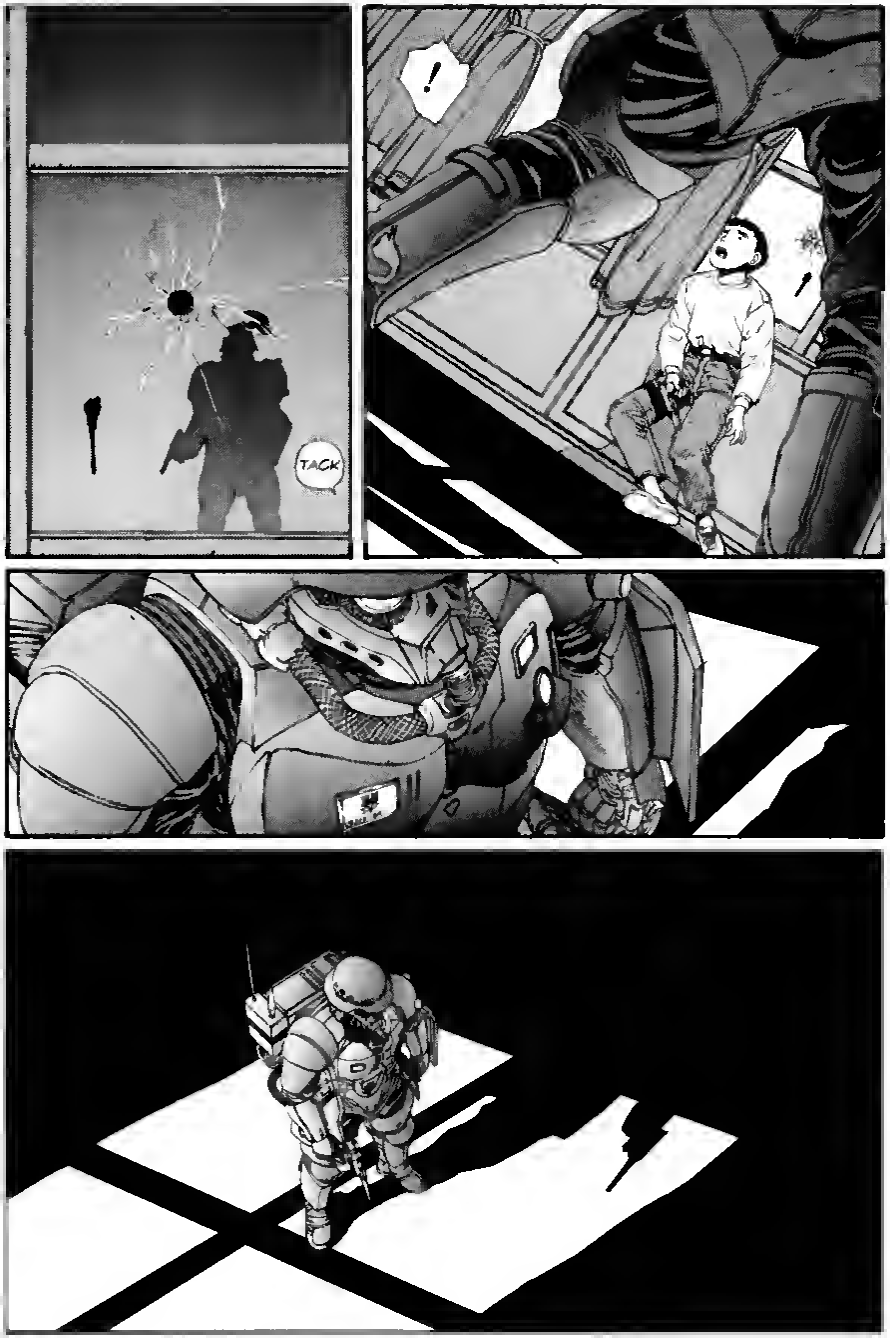
SPAK
DROP YOUR GUN AND STEP BACK FROM THE WINDOW, KID!!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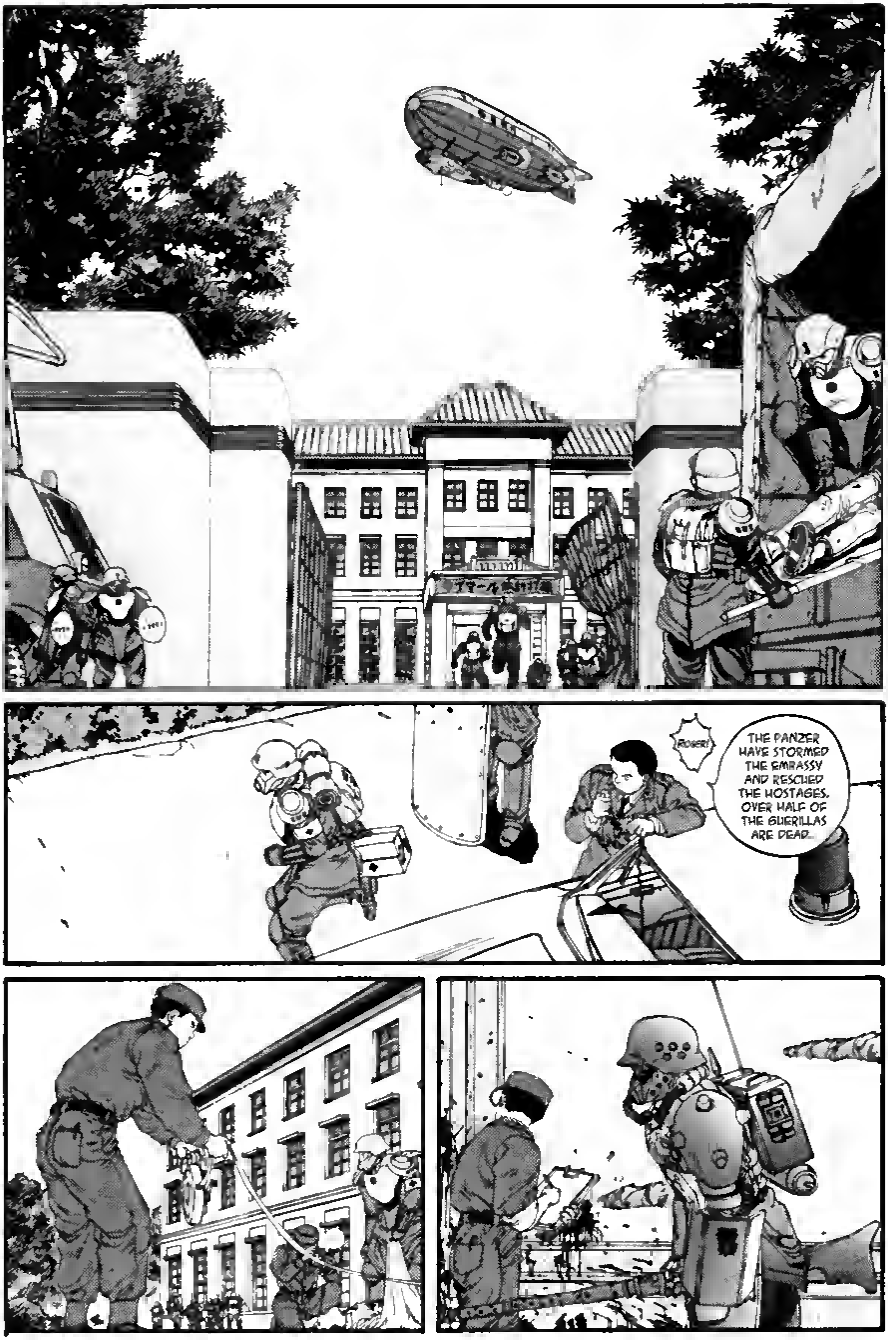
POWER!
THE PANZER HAVE STORMED THE EMBASSY AND RESCUED THE HOSTAGES. OVER HALF OF THE GUERILLAS ARE DEAD.

OH GOD HE'S JUST A CHILD
THEY LOVE TO KILL
RIGHT
WELL, YOU KNOW THOSE PANZER BASTARDS...

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C'MON... WE WERE ORDERED TO RE-TREAT...
PAT

DAMN, I FEEL TIRED OUT.
ME TOO
YEAH, ONE FALSE MOVE AND THAT'S IT.
THOSE PIGS WERE CORNERED.
THEY WERE RESISTING OUT OF PURE PIG-HEADEDNESS. NO PLANS, NO STRATEGY
WELL, DON'T YOU THINK THOSE GUERILLAS WERE PRETTY YOUNG?
HEY, WHAT'S WITH YOU?
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THEY ACTUALLY BEGGED US TO BLOW THEM AWAY

OH WELL, NOW THEY'RE IN DEEP SHIT. MAYBE THEY WERE JUST RIGMOUTHS
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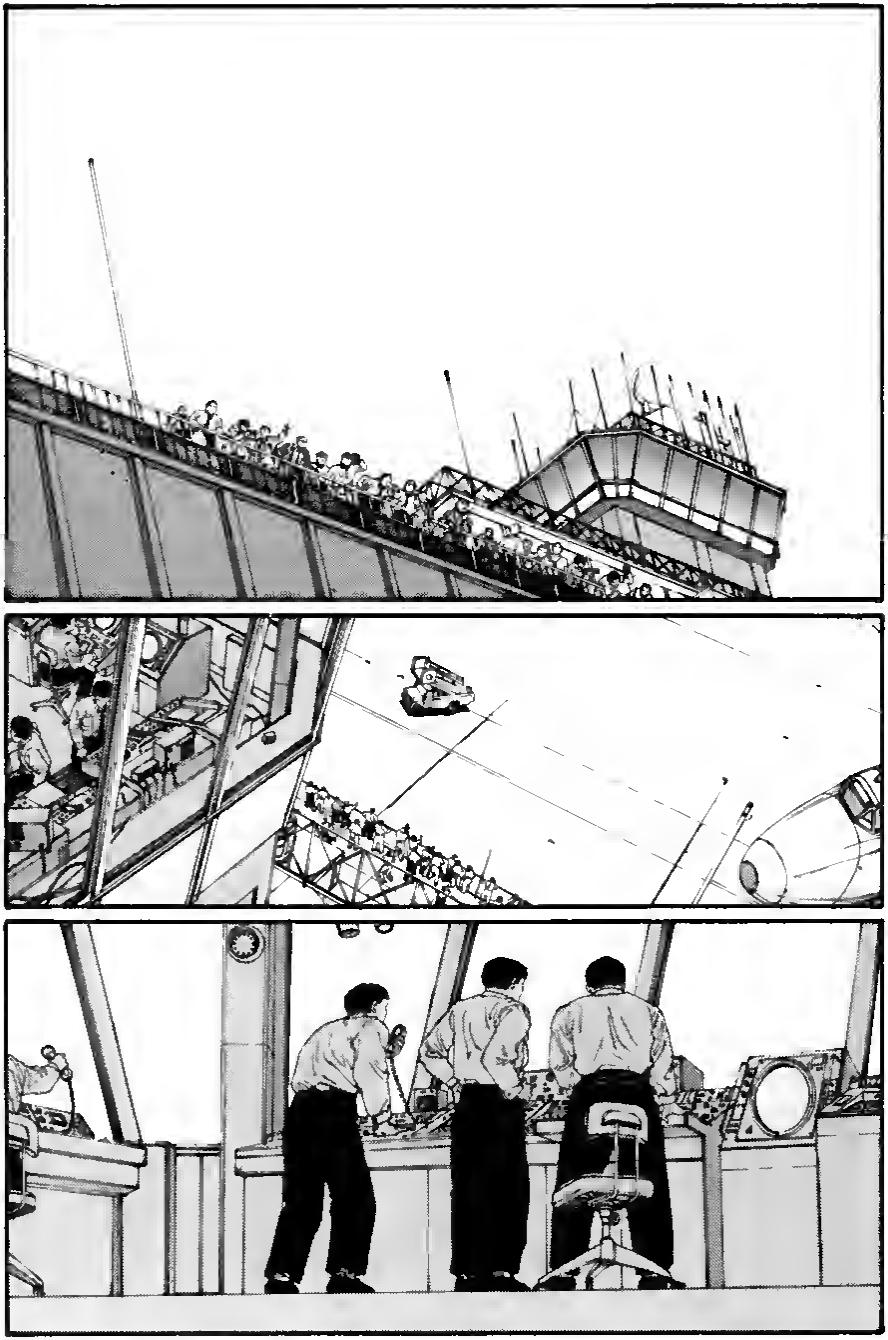
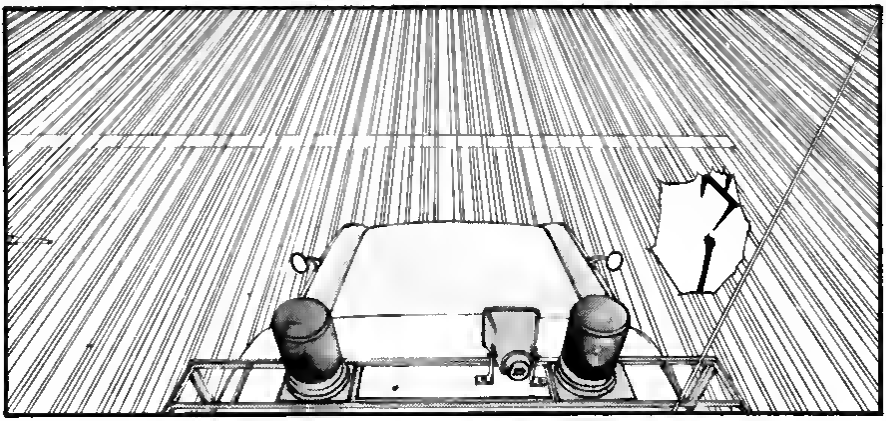
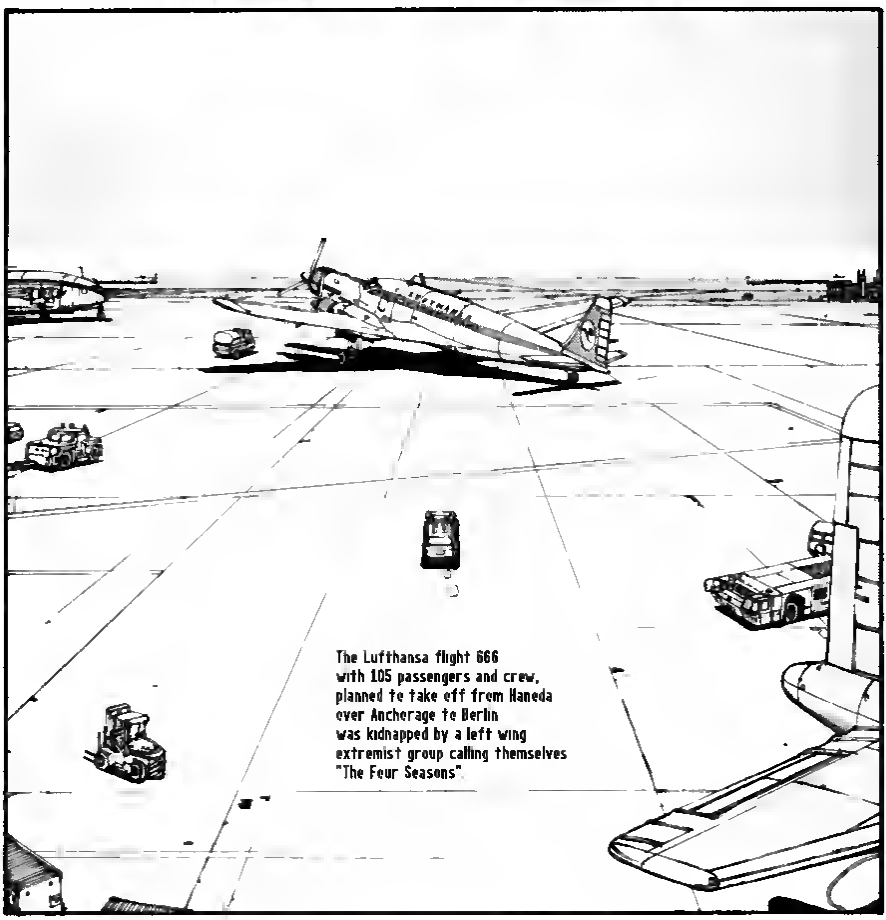
BUT DAMN, FIGHTING TO THE LAST MAN DOESN'T EVEN MAKE SENSE ACCORDING TO THEIR OWN RULES!
AN EXPERIENCED SOLDIER KNOWS WHEN HE HAS TO RETREAT FROM THE BATTLEFIELD
MEH, I GUESS THEY HAD THEIR MOTIVES
BUT THE WHOLE THING WASN'T THOUGHT THROUGH! THE AMBASSADOR WASN'T EVEN AT HOME, THEY DIDN'T MAKE ANY DEMANDS OR STATEMENTS... THEIR ACTION WAS ABSOLUTLY MEANINGLESS POLITICAL-WISE!
HIHI
AND I WANNA KNOW WHICH MOTIVES! WHY?!

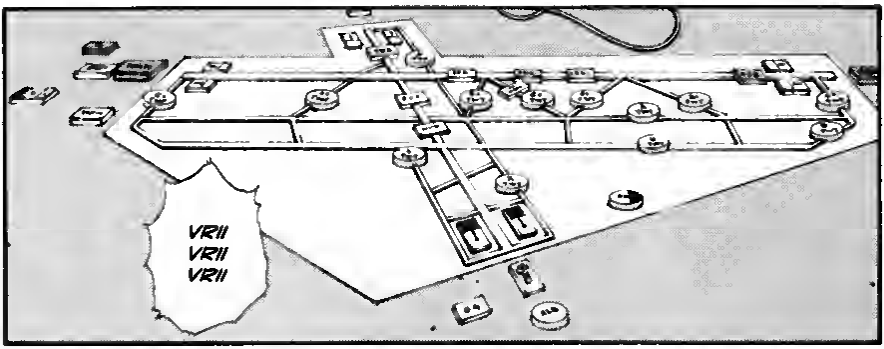
SHIT, WE ONLY GET ALONG WITH EACH OTHER WHEN WE ARE ON A MISSION
I JUST NEVER SAW YOU OLD DOGS HAVING ARGUMENTS
N-NOTHING
WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO LAUGH ABOUT, ASSHOLE?
IT'S TOO LATE FOR QUALMS, RIGHT?
THAT'S THE SINGLE THING LEFT TO US, MIDORI
ALL TRANSPORT UNITS GET READY FOR DEPLOYMENT AT ONCE!
BRING YOUR EQUIPMENT TO THE STAFF ROOM!
ATTENTION, PLATOONS ONE, TWO AND FIVE, MOBILIZE FOR ATTENDANCE!






The Lufthansa flight 666
with 105 passengers and crew,
planned to take off from Haneda
over Anchorage to Berlin
was kidnapped by a left wing
extremist group calling themselves
"The Four Seasons".

CHAPTER 2
CONFRONTATION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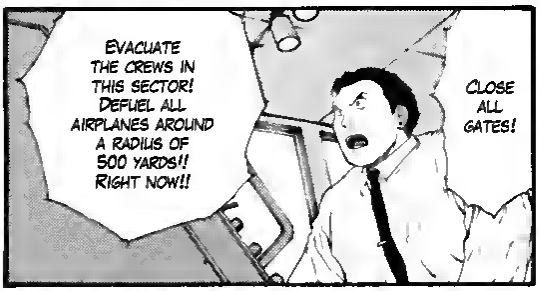
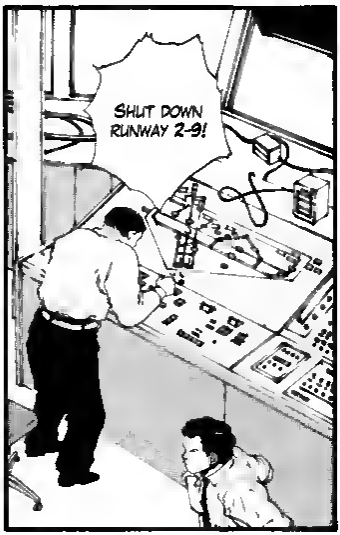
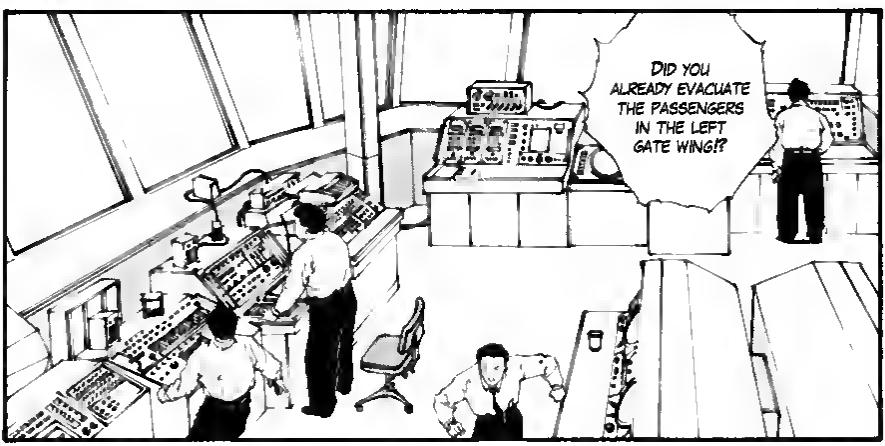
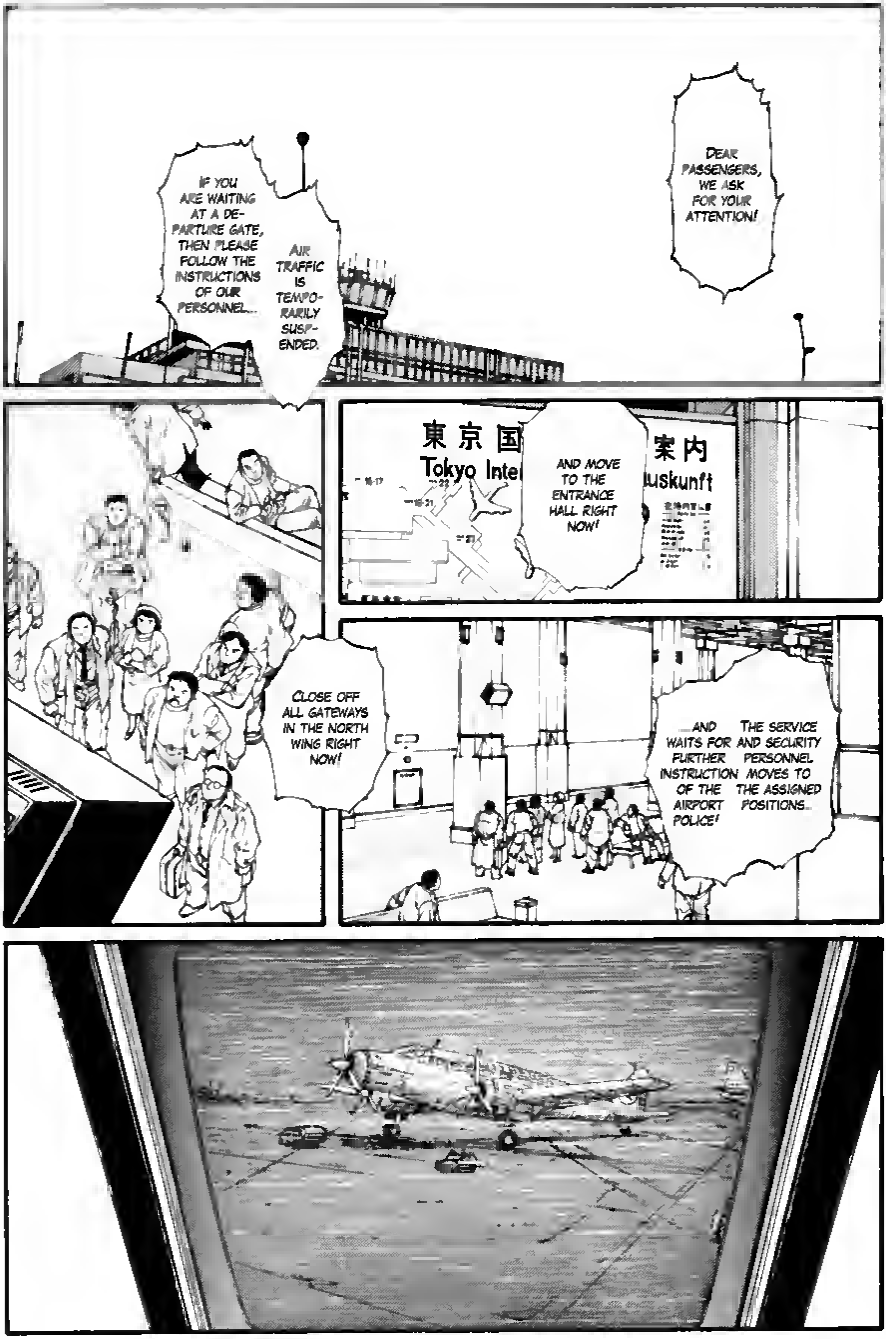

EVACUATE THE CREWS IN THIS SECTOR! DEFUEL ALL AIRPLANES AROUND A RADIUS OF 500 YARDS!! RIGHT NOW!!
CLOSE ALL GATES!


SHUT DOWN RUNWAY 2-9!

I TRANSFER THE FLIGHTS 401 AND 402 TO OSAKA AND NOTHWEST TO NAGOYA!


DID YOU ALREADY EVACUATE THE PASSENGERS IN THE LEFT GATE WING!?


DEAR PASSENGERS, WE ASK FOR YOUR ATTENTION!
AIR TRAFFIC IS TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED.
IF YOU ARE WAITING AT A DEPARTURE GATE, THEN PLEASE FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS OF OUR PERSONNEL...
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AND MOVE TO THE ENTRANCE HALL RIGHT NOW!
CLOSE OFF ALL GATEWAYS IN THE NORTH WING RIGHT NOW!
...AND THE SERVICE AND SECURITY PERSONNEL MOVES TO THE ASSIGNED POSITIONS...
FURTHER INSTRUCTION OF THE AIRPORT POLICE!

OH GOD, PLEASE!!

UWAAAH!!
SHUT YOUR DAMN MOUTH!
..AND PUT A SOCK INTO YOUR BRAT!!
I SAID, SHUT UP!!
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THAT'S ENOUGH

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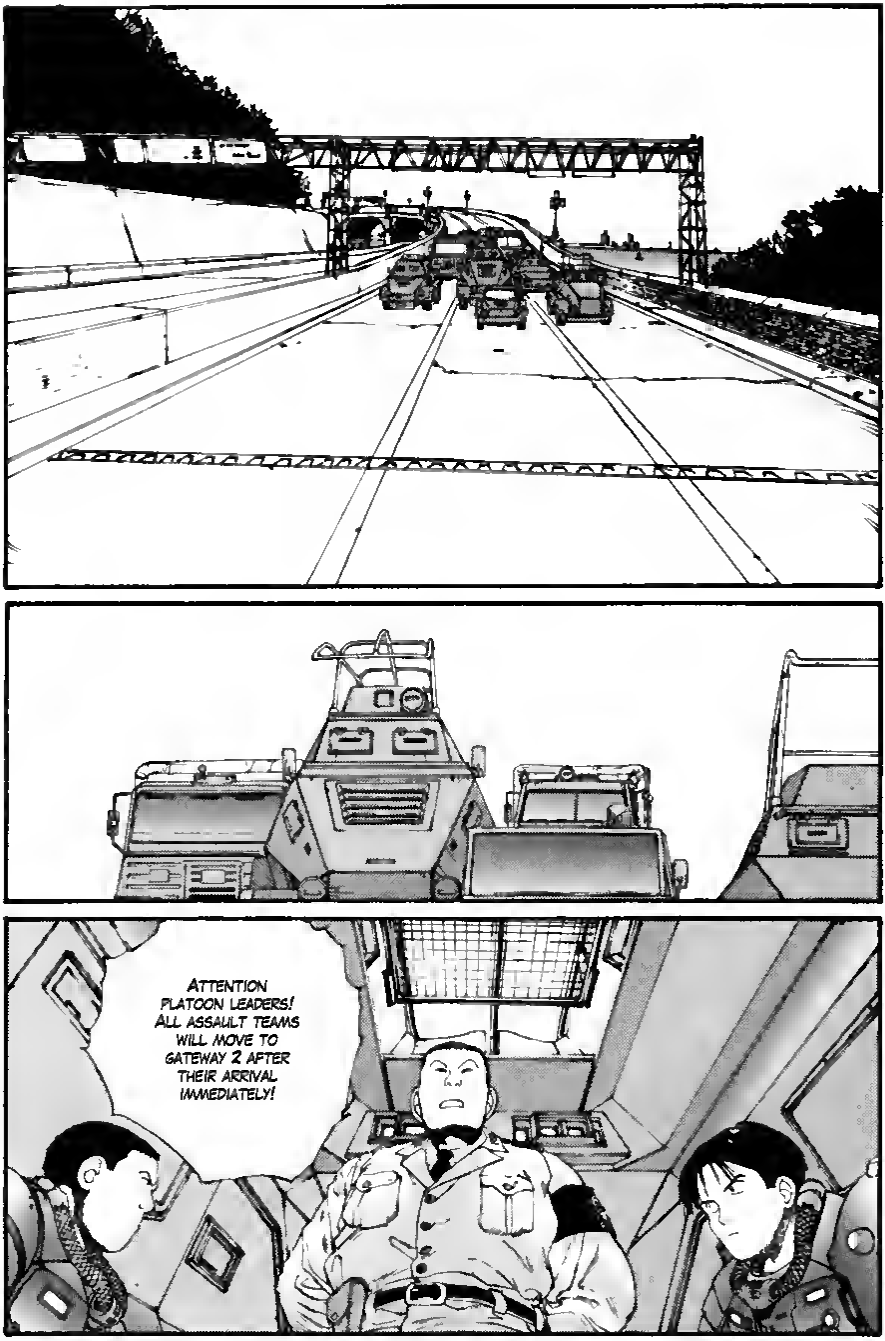
PLEASE HAVE SOME ENDURANCE, MY DEAR.
NO ONE'S GONNA SHOOT, YOU HEAR ME. IF THERE'S A PROBLEM, TAKE A HOSTAGE, AND
COMING
I'VE CONTACTED THE TOWER

A FLYING SCOUT OF THE PANZER, HM...
POSITION OF THE KIDNAPPED AIRPLANE AT THE SOUTHERN END OF RUNWAY 2-0 VERIFIED ENGINES ARE OUT, EVERYTHING LOOKS QUIET.


ATTENTION PLATOON LEADERS! ALL ASSAULT TEAMS WILL MOVE TO GATEWAY 2 AFTER THEIR ARRIVAL IMMEDIATELY!

THE BACKUP UNITS WILL TAKE OVER CONTROL OF THE AIRPORT HALL!
A RED HERRING
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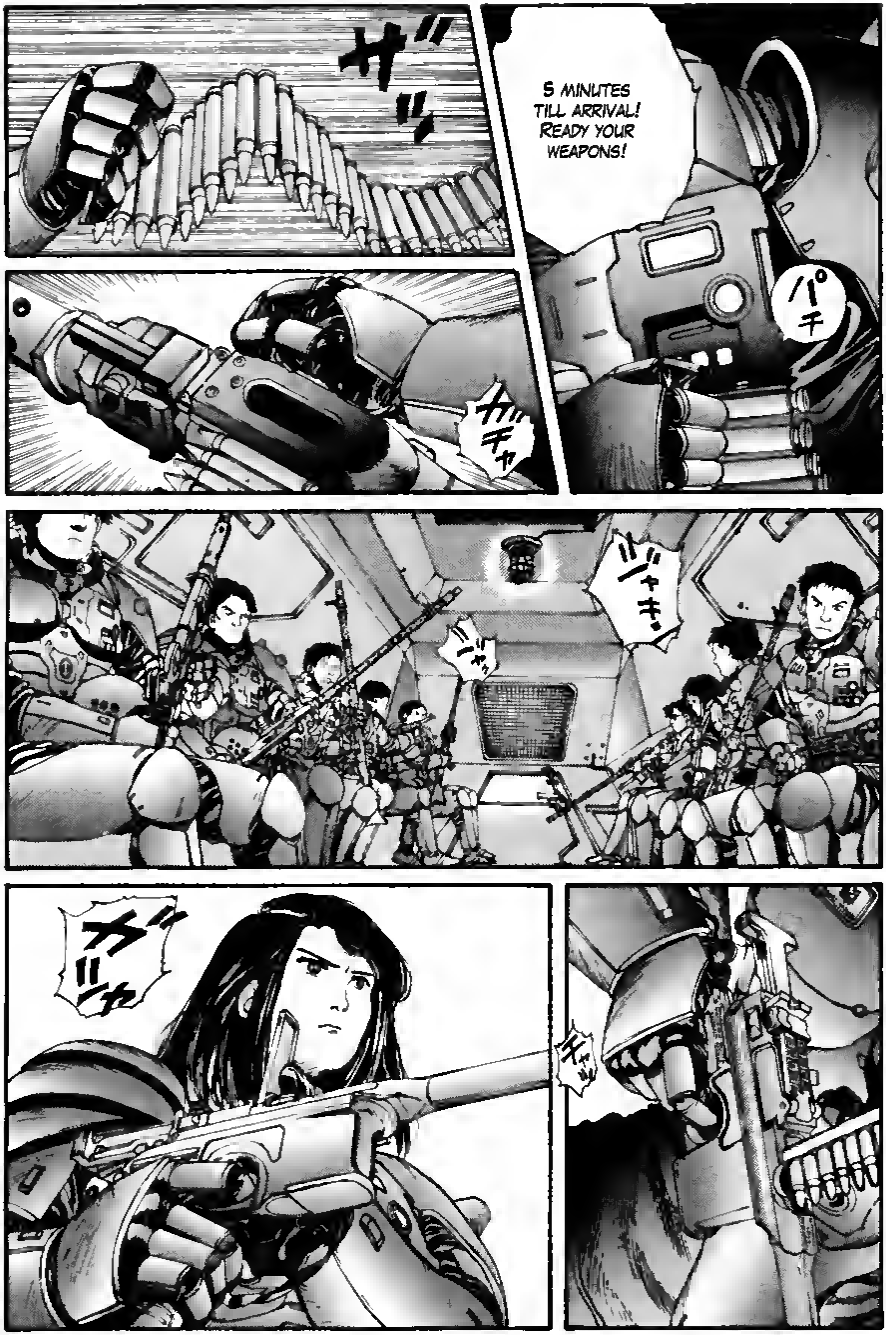
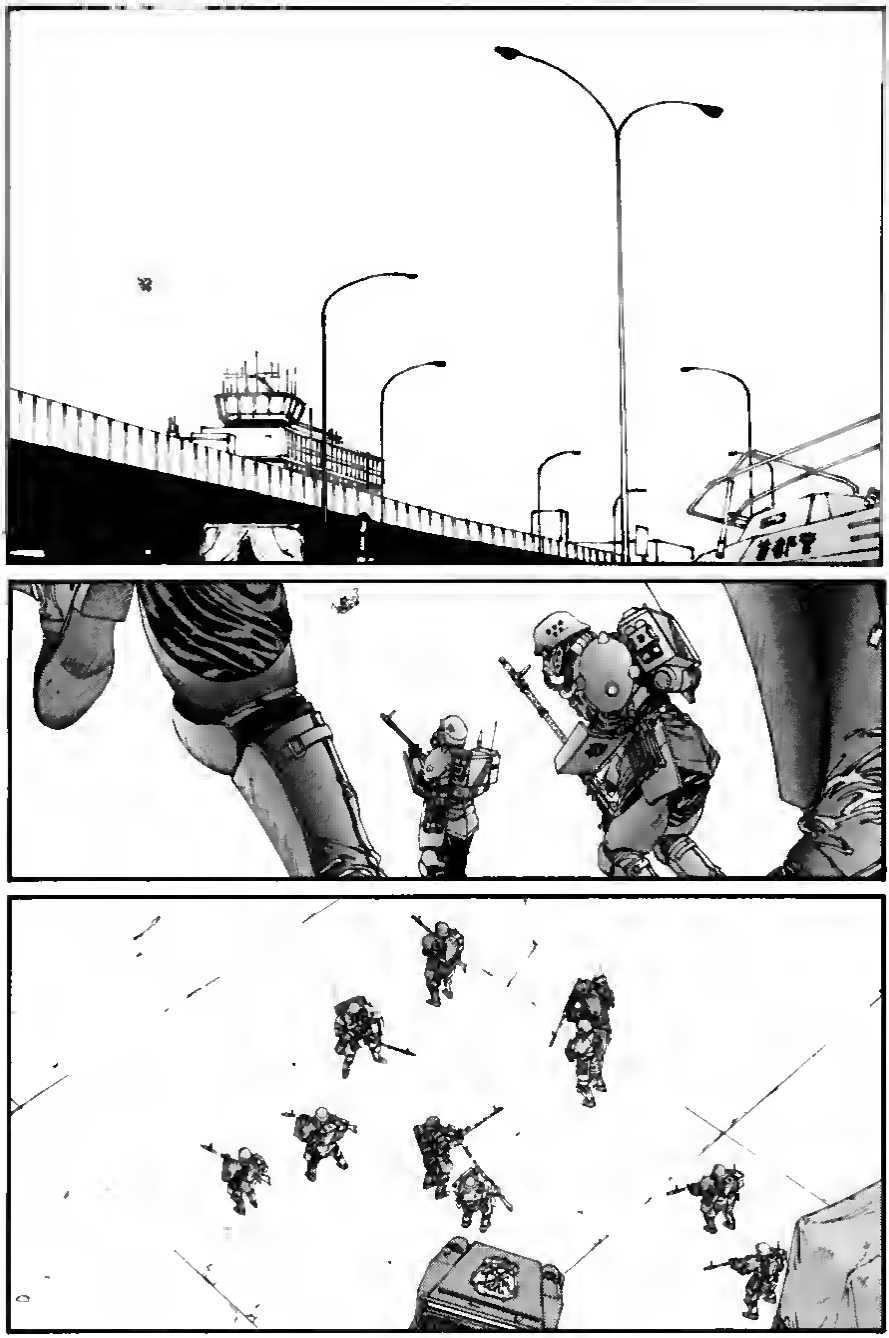
WE PUT OUR LIVES ON THE LINE SO THAT THEY HAVE ENOUGH TIME WHERE DO YOU THINK THEY WANTED TO GO, AND WITH WHOM?


5 MINUTES TILL ARRIVAL! READY YOUR WEAPONS!

THE RELEASE OF "POLITICAL PRISONERS", WHAT ELSE?
SO WHAT ARE THEIR DEMANDS?
WHICH COUNTRY OF THE WORLD WOULD GIVE THEM ASYLUM?
AND THEIR DESTINATION?

IT COULD BE THE INVENTION OF A SMALL RADICAL SPLINTER FACTION -- WITHOUT ANY POLITICAL BACKGROUND WE DON'T BARGAIN WITH ANARCHISTS!
WE DIDN'T FIND ANYTHING REFERING TO THE EXISTENCE OF A GROUP CALLED "THE FOUR SEASONS"!
WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT THOSE CRIMINALS?
GOOD QUESTION.
MOREOVER, HOW COULD THEY DO SUCH A HEIST WITHOUT THE SUPPORT OF A BIGGER ORGANIZATION?
THOUGH THEY HAVE EXPLOSIVES AND EXPERIENCE.
ACCORDING TO UNCONFIRMED RUMOURS, INTERNAL STRIFES HAVE SPLITTED THE SECT INTO DIFFERENT FACTIONS. APPARENTLY SOME LEADERS OF THE MILITARY BRANCH OF THE SECT HAVE BEEN EXCLUDED.

SO THIS INCIDENT COULD BE THE WORK OF ONE OF THOSE MILITARY BRANCHES THAT LOST THEIR POLITICAL INFLUENCE WITHIN THE SECT AND WAS EXCLUDED.



I ASSUME YOU ARE AWARE THAT THE COMMAND AUTHORITY AT INCIDENTS AT THE AIRPORT LIES WITHIN THE AIRPORT POLICE OR THE SECURITY DIVISIONS OF THE CAPITAL POLICE IF THEIR INTERVENTION IS RECOMMENDED
THAT IS AN EXCEPTION THAT ONLY OCCURS IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS UNDER NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES...
...BUT IN THE CASE WHERE THE SECURITY AND ORDER OF THE CAPITAL CITY IS THREATENED THE METRO POLICE AUTOMATICALLY HAVE THE PRIORITY.
YOU SEEM TO HAVE FORGOTTEN ...
YOU DAMN PANZER THINK YOU'RE ALLOWED TO DO EVERYTHING!
YOU ARE JUST POLICE FORCES AND NOT A GODDAMN ARMY!
I REALLY DON'T FEEL LIKE DISCUSSING THE MATTER WITH YOU, COMMANDER DO US BOTH A FAVOR AND STEP ASIDE
THAT'S A STANDPOINT'S QUESTION
BACK OFF!!
WE HAVE THE MANDATORY ORDER TO PROTECT THE AIRPORT FACILITY AND TO EASE THE CURRENT SITUATION BY ALL MEANS NECESSARY.

MURDERERS!
WHAT...!!
WE CONSIDER YOUR PRESENCE AS AN INTERFERENCE TO CARRY OUT OUR DUTY IN THIS CASE, WE DON'T HAVE ANY CHOICE BUT TO REMOVE SUCH OBSTACLES BY USING FORCE DO YOU WANT THIS TO HAPPEN?
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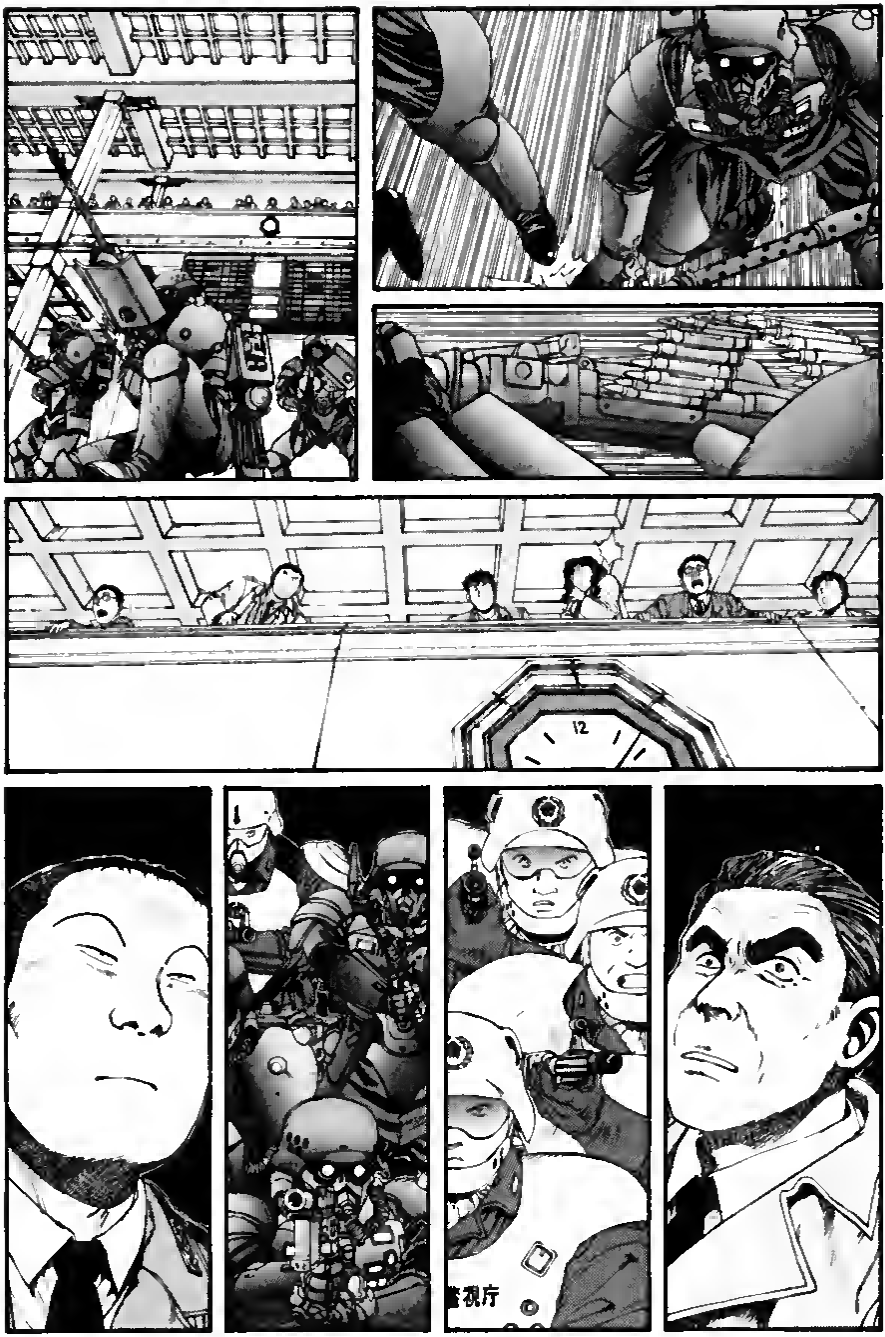
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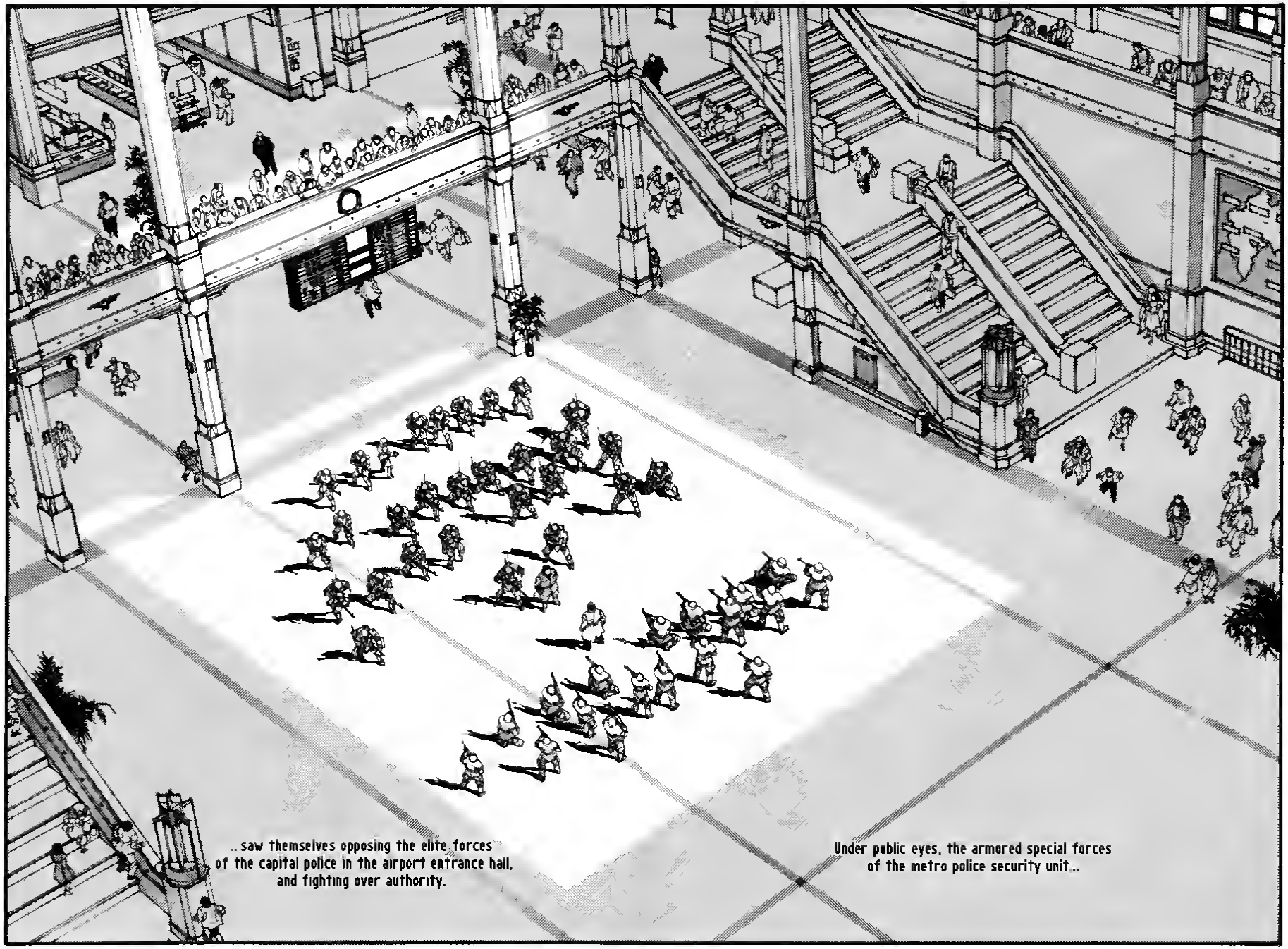
Under public eyes, the armored special forces of the metro police security unit...
...saw themselves opposing the elite forces of the capital police in the airport entrance hall, and fighting over authority.

CHAPTER 3
HUNT

WITH THIS, WE OFFICIALLY HAND IN A PROTEST AT THE COMMISSION OF PUBLIC SECURITY! FURTHERMORE, WE'RE DEMANDING THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE ARMORED SPECIAL FORCES FROM THE AIRPORT GROUND!
THE CAPITAL POLICE CONSIDERS THE VIOLATION OF THE AIRPORT'S POLICE AND SECURITY FORCES PREROGATIVE BY THE ARMORED SPECIAL FORCES FIRST COMPANY AS A BLATANT INFRACTION!
WE ARE STILL THEREBY MAKING OURSELVES A PICTURE ABOUT THE SITUATION AT THE AIRPORT. IT WOULD BE PRECIPITATE TO MAKE ORDERS FROM HERE WITHOUT AWAITING THE FURTHER DETAILS OF OUR ANALYSIS--
INFORM YOUR OFFICER IN CHARGE AND GIVE HIM THIS ORDER IMMEDIATELY!
YES, AND THAT AT ONCE!
WE EXPECT A SIGNIFICANT ANSWER -- WILL YOU DRAW BACK OR NOT!?
THAT IS NOT AN EXCUSE!!

THE MEN UNDER MY COMMAND HAVE THE ORDER
YOUR TROOPS HAVE PULLED THEIR WEAPONS FIRST! WHY DON'T YOU PULL OUT YOUR PEOPLE BEFORE THE SITUATION ESCALATES?!
...TO USE FORCE AND SHOOT ANYONE WHO OPPOSES THEM!!
DO YOU REALLY THINK A PRIDE OF DOGS LIKE THE PANZER WILL HAVE ANY CHANCE AGAINST THE ELITE UNIT OF THE SECURITY DIVISION?!
YOU GOT NERVES, TATSUMI!
ARE YOU THREATENING US?!
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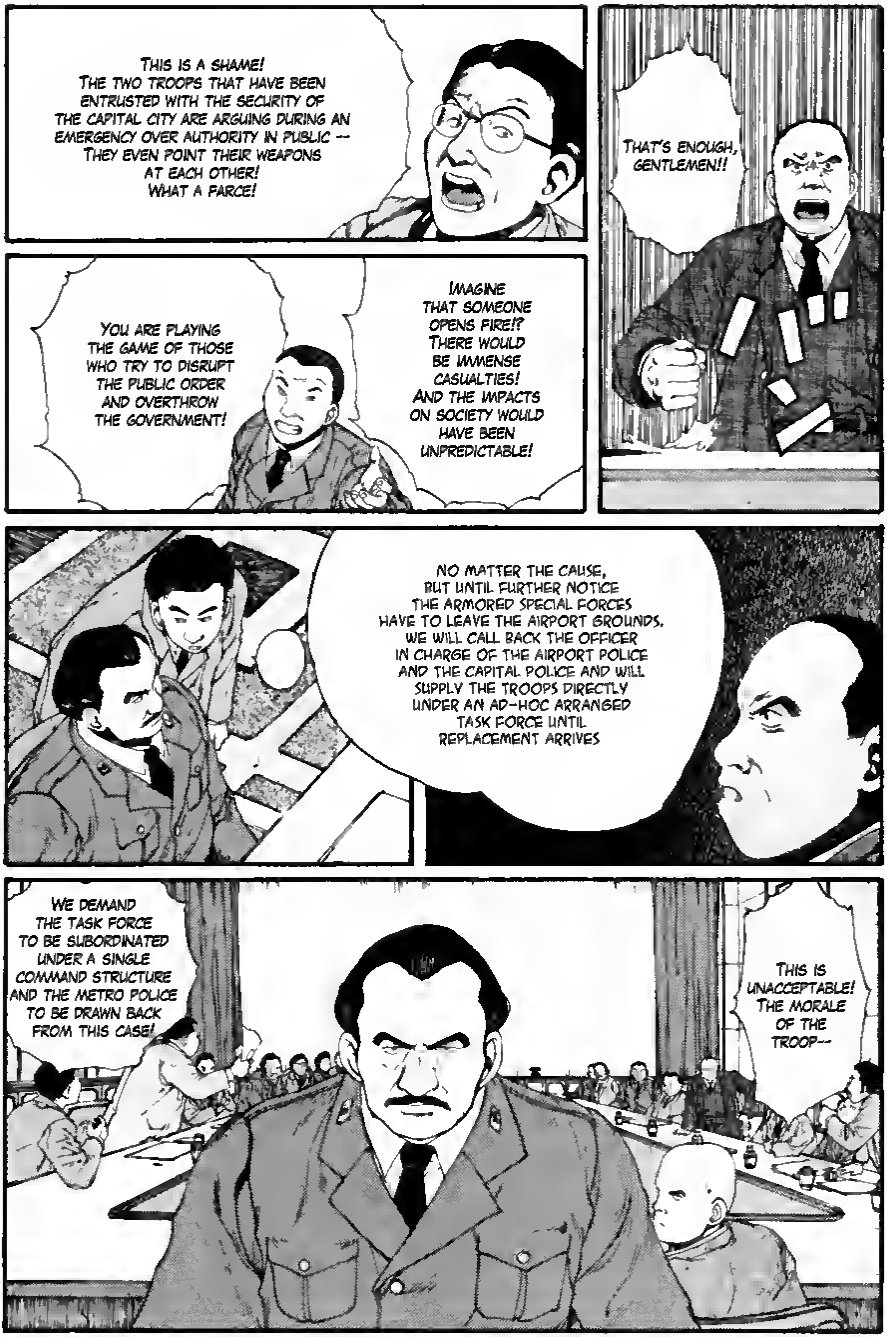
THIS IS A SHAME! THE TWO TROOPS THAT HAVE BEEN ENTRUSTED WITH THE SECURITY OF THE CAPITAL CITY ARE ARGUING DURING AN EMERGENCY OVER AUTHORITY IN PUBLIC -- THEY EVEN POINT THEIR WEAPONS AT EACH OTHER! WHAT A FARCE!
THAT'S ENOUGH, GENTLEMEN!!
YOU ARE PLAYING THE GAME OF THOSE WHO TRY TO DISRUPT THE PUBLIC ORDER AND OVERTHROW THE GOVERNMENT!
IMAGINE THAT SOMEONE OPENS FIRE!? THERE WOULD BE IMMENSE CASUALTIES! AND THE IMPACTS ON SOCIETY WOULD HAVE BEEN UNPREDICTABLE!
NO MATTER THE CAUSE, BUT UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE THE ARMORED SPECIAL FORCES HAVE TO LEAVE THE AIRPORT GROUNDS. WE WILL CALL BACK THE OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE AIRPORT POLICE AND THE CAPITAL POLICE AND WILL SUPPLY THE TROOPS DIRECTLY UNDER AN AD-HOC ARRANGED TASK FORCE UNTIL REPLACEMENT ARRIVES
WE DEMAND THE TASK FORCE TO BE SUBORDINATED UNDER A SINGLE COMMAND STRUCTURE AND THE METRO POLICE TO BE DRAWN BACK FROM THIS CASE!
THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE! THE MORALE OF THE TROOP--

ONE OF THE SURVIVORS WHO WAS AMONG THE AMBUSH AT THE EMBASSY HAS TALKED
WE FOUND OUT WHO'S BEHIND IT
KAZUYA FUJIWARA, 28 YEARS OLD. AN OLD STAGER -- SINCE 9 YEARS A MEMBER OF THE SECT WENT INTO THE UNDER-GROUND 2 YEARS AGO. UNTIL HIS EXCLUSION LAST MONTH, HE WAS IN COMMAND OF GRADUAL DEPARTMENTS IN THEIR LOCAL AND CENTRAL MILITARY COMMITEES. HIS COMRADE SAY HE'S A FIGHTER THROUGH AND THROUGH
GOOD THAT WE HAVE KEPT SOME OF THEM ALIVE, RIGHT?
REGARDING THE GROUP THAT ATTACKED THE EMBASSY...
HE WAS A LEADING GROUP MEMBER OF THE "ARMED BATTLE FACTION", THAT HAS BEEN EX-CLUDED FROM THE SECT BUT HE WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO'S WHEREABOUTS WERE UNKNOWN TO US -- WE HAVE SEARCHED FOR HIM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY.

WHO'S ON THE LIST OF PRISONERS THAT WERE DEMANDED FOR LIBERATION?
...MOST OF THEM WERE MEMBERS OF A LOGISTICS UNIT WITHOUT ANY BATTLE EXPERIENCE. A COMMANDER OF THE SECT'S ELITE FORCES WAS RECRUITING CHILDREN, NOT OLDER THAN 16...
HIS ACTIONS DON'T MAKE ANY SENSE. DOESN'T MATTER IF THE AIRPLANE KIDDNAPPING SUCCEEDS OR NOT, IT'S A MEANINGLESS GESTURE.
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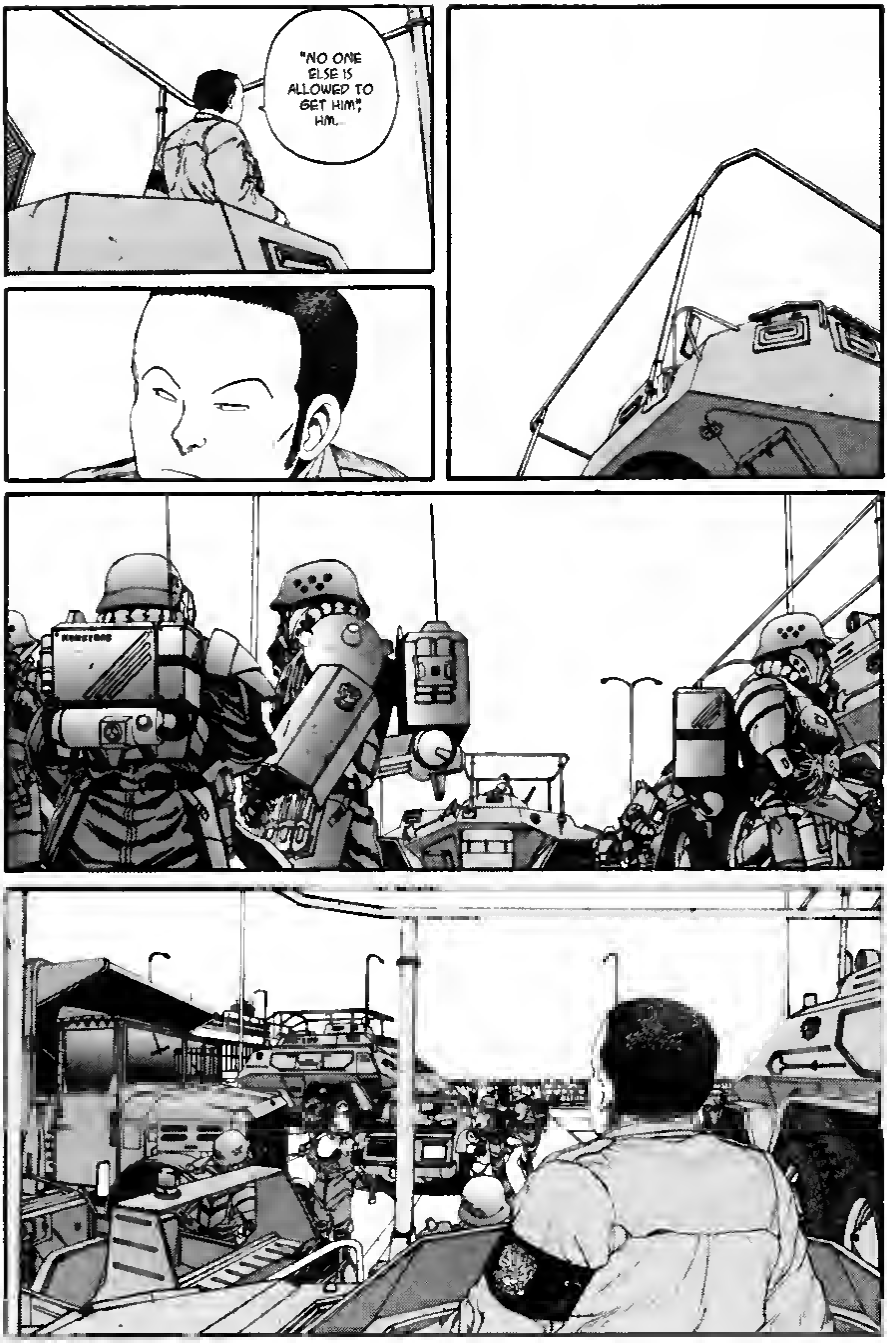
THE EXECUTIVE STAFF OF THE SECT IT WAS THEM WHO HAVE GIVEN THE ORDER FOR THE EXCLUSION FROM INSIDE THE PRISON
WHY DON'T WE JUST LEAVE THEM ALONE? THIS GROUP WILL DESTROY ITSELF NO MATTER WHERE THEY WILL BE FLYING, SO LET THEM FLY
THESE PEOPLE SEEM TO BE UP TO GETTING THEMSELVES KILLED. IF THOSE RUTHLESS DOGS IN THE MP WANNA PLAY WITH THEM, LET THEM

AND?!
YOU SAID THAT THERE WILL BE NO COUNTRY THAT WOULD GIVE THEM ASYLUM, RIGHT?
"WHY"?
WHY'S THAT?
FUJIWARA IS THE ONLY ONE THAT MATTERS HERE THE PANZER HAVE TO CATCH HIM

TELL HANDA...
UNDERSTOOD? NO ONE!
NO ONE ELSE IS ALLOWED TO GET HIM!
COMRADE FUJIWARA!
--RADE FUJI-WARA!
THEY HAD TO WITHDRAW FROM THE AIRPORT GROUNDS! SOUNDS LIKE THE PANZER HAVE BUSTED IT THIS TIME!
LISTEN TO THIS!
HM?
OH, THEY WILL COME... JUST WAIT

?
IF WE WIN OR LOSE, THE OUTCOME WILL BE THE SAME -- WE WILL BE EVEN MORE ISOLATED THAN BEFORE
TELL THEM, WE THANK-FULLY ACCEPT. THEY SHOULD SEND US A BOX ONLY ACCOMPANIED BY ONE SERVICE MAN
HEY, THE TOWER IS ON THE LINE -- THEY'RE OFFERING TO SEND US FOOD, SHOULD I REJECT?


"NO ONE ELSE IS ALLOWED TO GET HIM", HM...

GOOD! THEN LET ALL TROOPS ADVANCE TO THE CONCERTED MEETING POINT
MESSAGE FROM THE FIRST PLATOON! THEY HAVE SEALED OFF THE SOUTHERN MAINTENANCE HALL AND CONFISCATED ONE OF THE SERVICE WAGONS!
STRICTLY SPEAKING, WE ARE ALL IN THE SAME BOAT...
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I HAVE A BAD FEELING ABOUT ALL THIS...
HEY!!
WELL, YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO MOVE MUCH IN A SMALL AIRPLANE CORRIDOR WITH YOUR 92 EQUIPMENT.
TAKE IT ALREADY, YOU GOT NO OTHER CHOICE ANYWAY

OFFICER WASHIDO, YOU ARE THE ONLY ONE WHO WILL FIT IN THERE.
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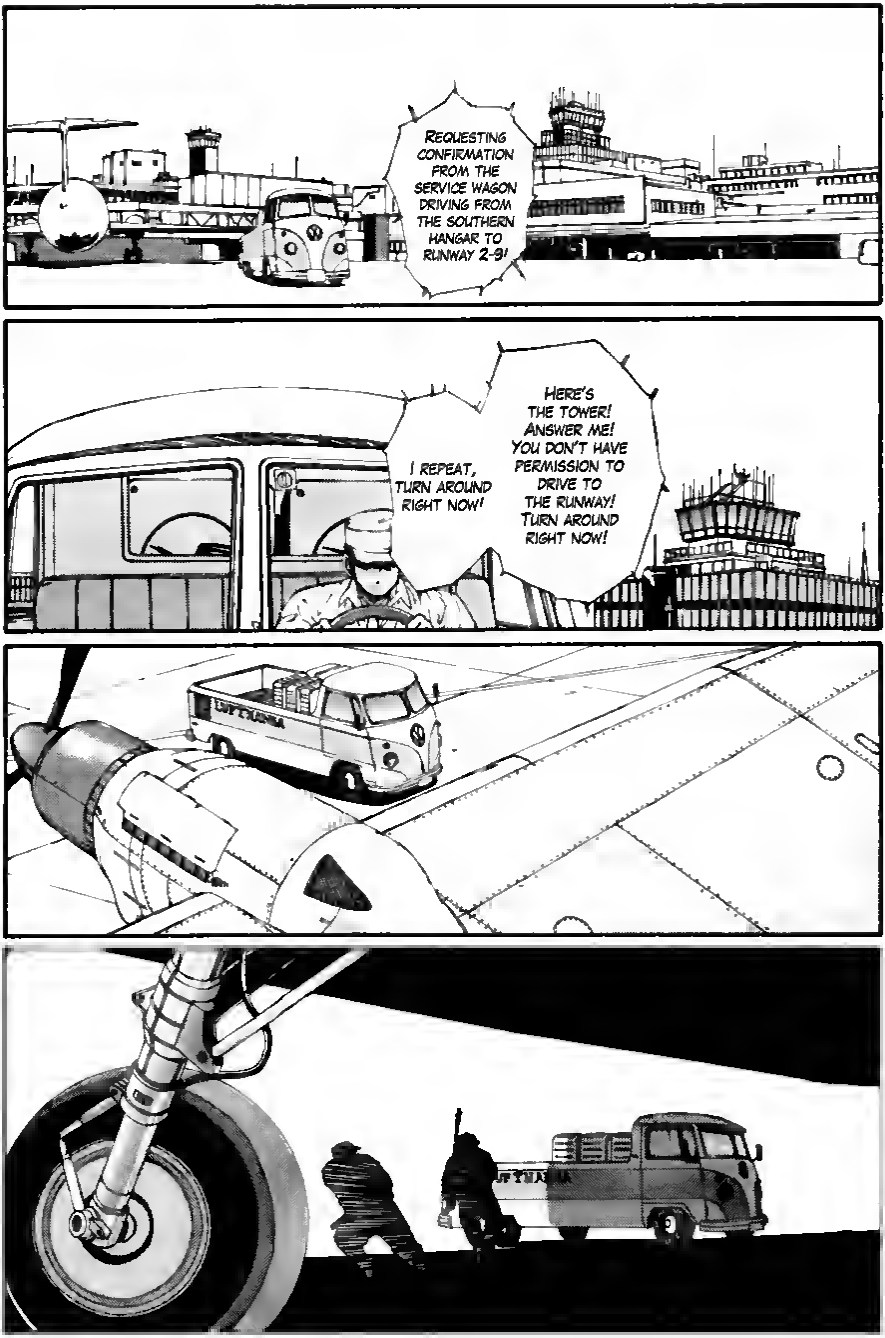
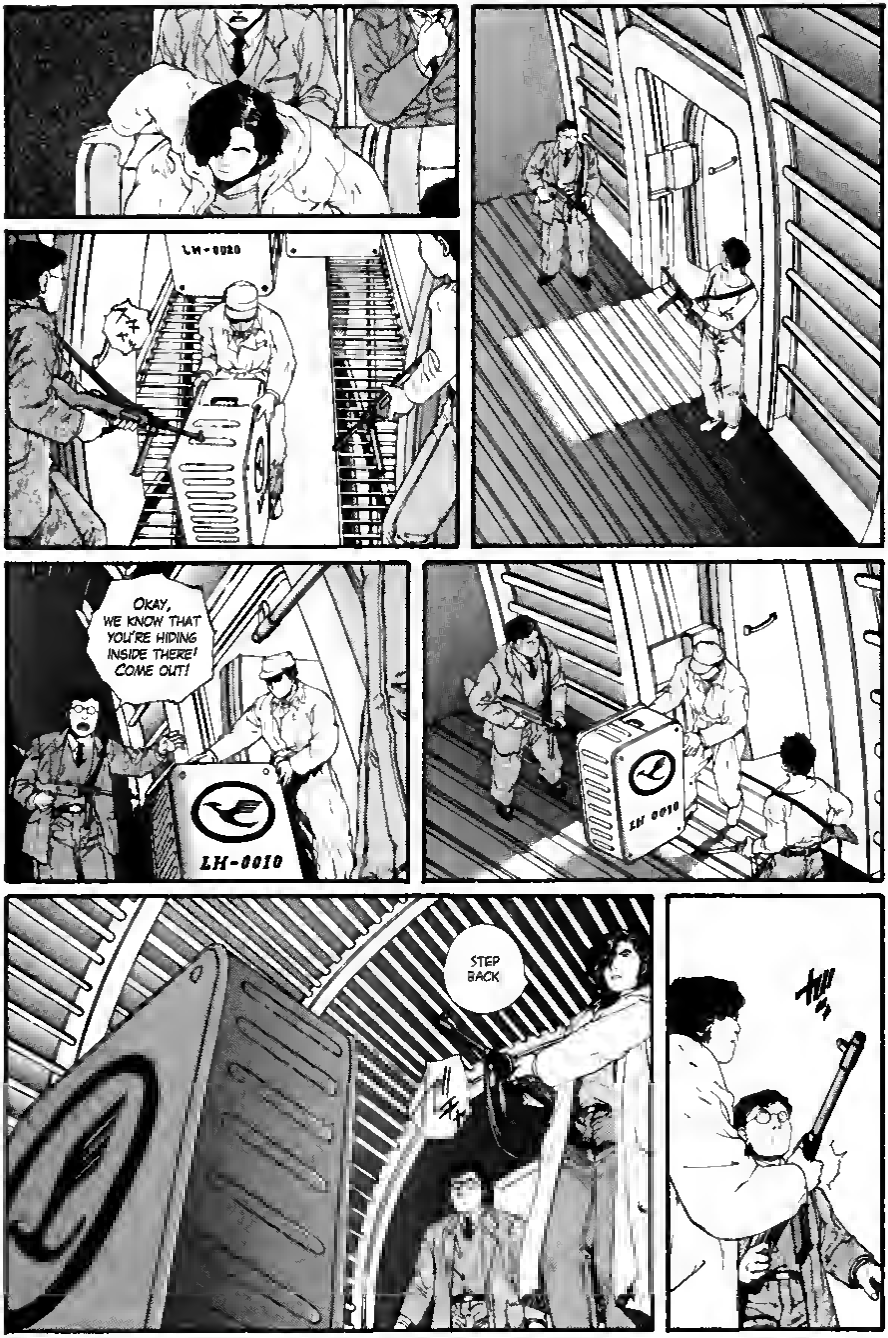
THAT'LL BE TIGHT
LX-0010
AS SOON AS YOU FULLFILLED YOUR ORDER YOU WATCH YOURSELF GETTING AWAY! DON'T LET YOURSELF GET ARRESTED -- WE CAN'T AFFORD ANY SCANDAL.
DAMN, DO YOU THINK I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO THINK THE SAME?!
QUICK! LT COMMANDER HANDA'S TROOP HAS STARTED WITH THE RED HERRING! WE START FROM THE NORTHERN WING RIGHT NOW!

WHAT?!
ALERT! THE PANZER HAVE TAKEN STAND WITH THEIR VEHICLES AT THE NORTHERN END OF RUNWAY 2-9!
WE HAVE DIFFERENT PROBLEMS RIGHT NOW?
THEY SHOULD WAIT!
THE NORTHERN MAINTENANCE HALL REQUESTS PERMISSION TO SEND THE SERVICE WAGON.
TELL THE TROOPS GUARDING THE AIRPORT HALL TO MOVE HERE IMMEDIATELY! WE CAN'T LET THEM GO THROUGH!
THOSE IDIOTS -- DO THEY PLAN A FRONTAL ATTACK?!
STRANGE. THE WAGON SHOULD COME FROM THE NORTHERN HANGAR.


REQUESTING CONFIRMATION FROM THE SERVICE WAGON DRIVING FROM THE SOUTHERN HANGAR TO RUNWAY 2-9!
I REPEAT, TURN AROUND RIGHT NOW!
HERE'S THE TOWER! ANSWER ME! YOU DON'T HAVE PERMISSION TO DRIVE TO THE RUNWAY! TURN AROUND RIGHT NOW!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OKAY, WE KNOW THAT YOU'RE HIDING INSIDE THERE! COME OUT!
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LH-0010
STEP BACK

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HMM... I WAS SURE THEY WOULD TRY THIS...
GIVE OUT THE FOOD. WOMEN AND CHILDREN FIRST.

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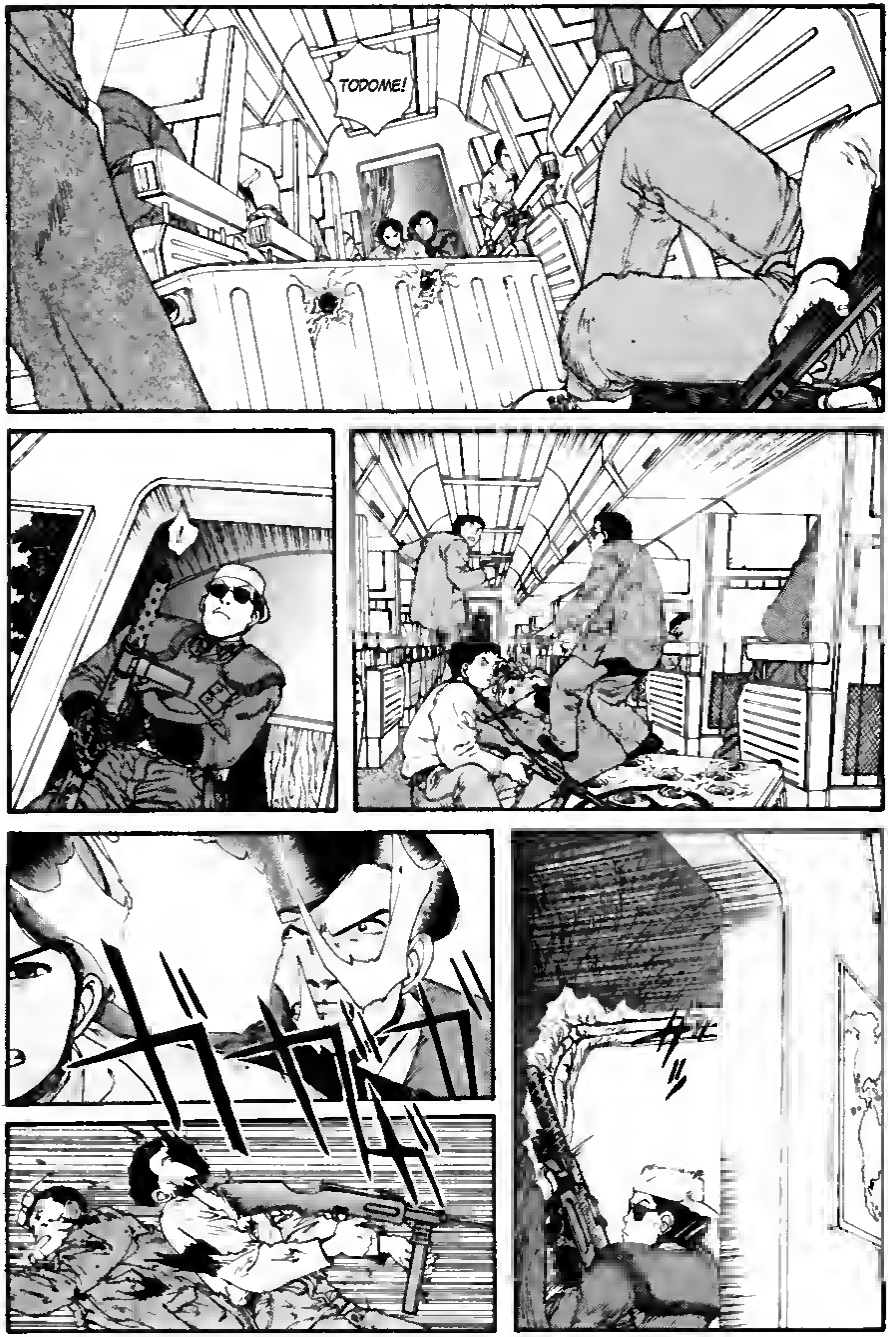
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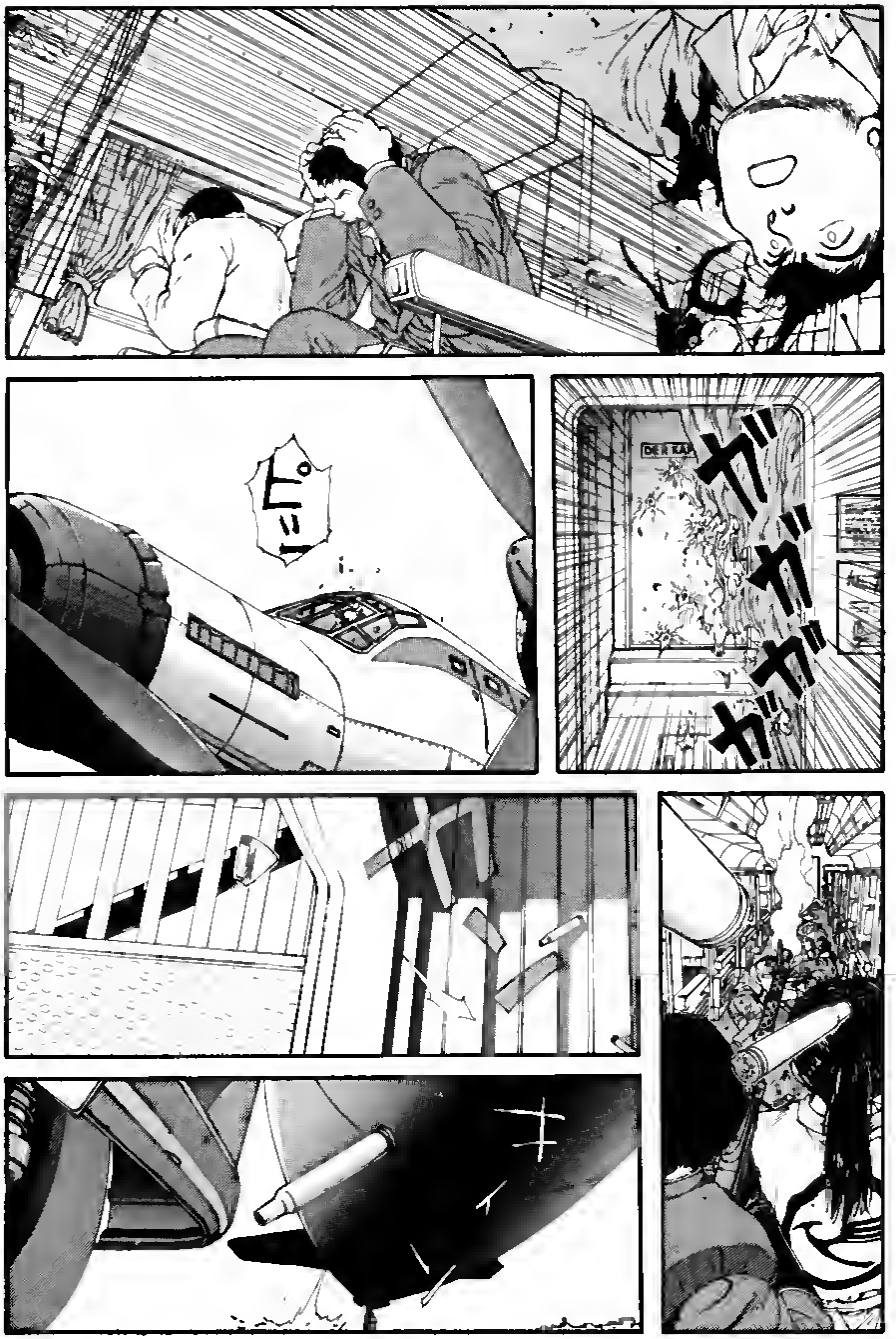
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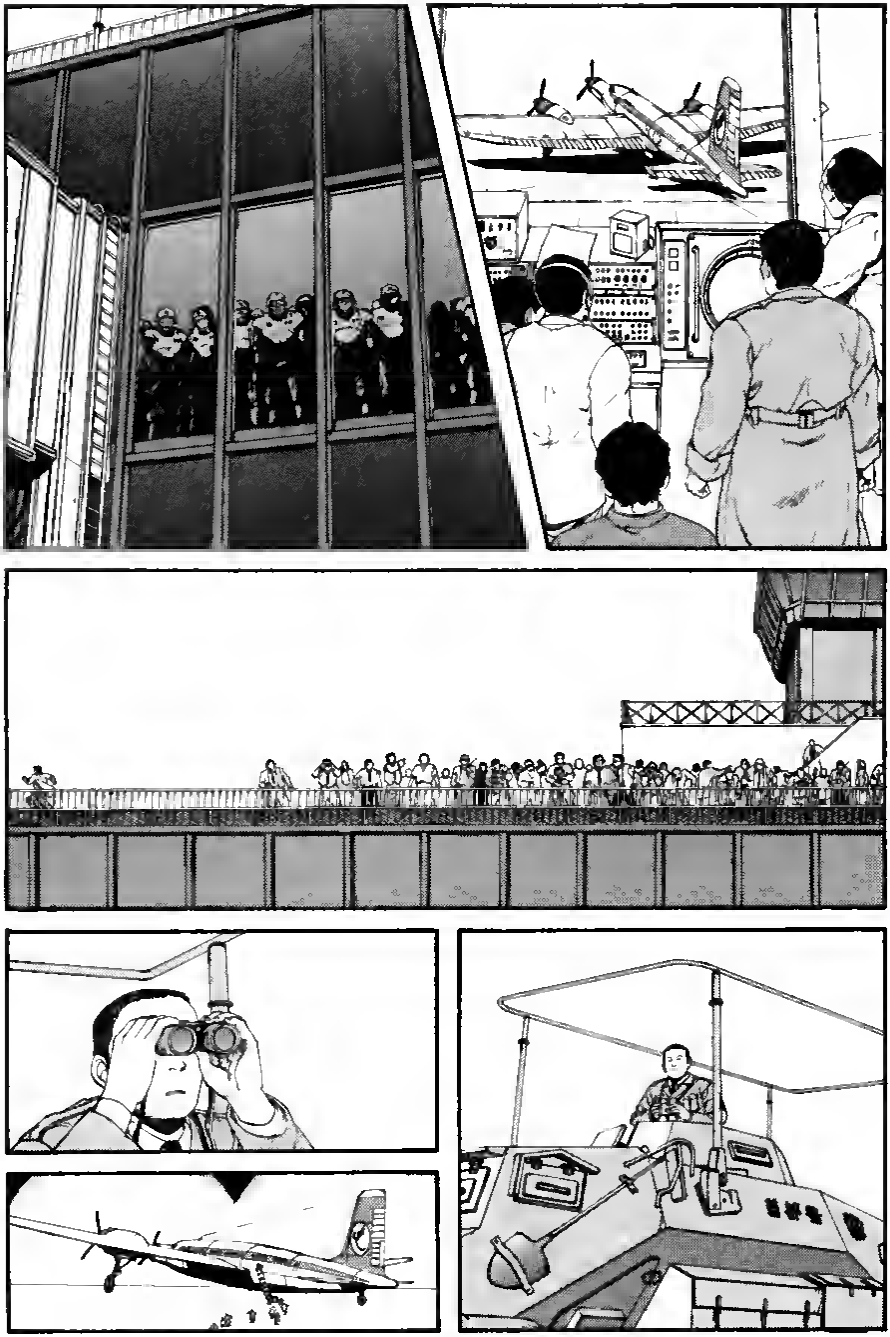

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ONE'S STILL MISSING!
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HERE'S THE TOWER! WHAT ARE YOU DOING? STOP YOUR MACHINES!!
TAKE OFF CAPTAIN. RIGHT NOW.
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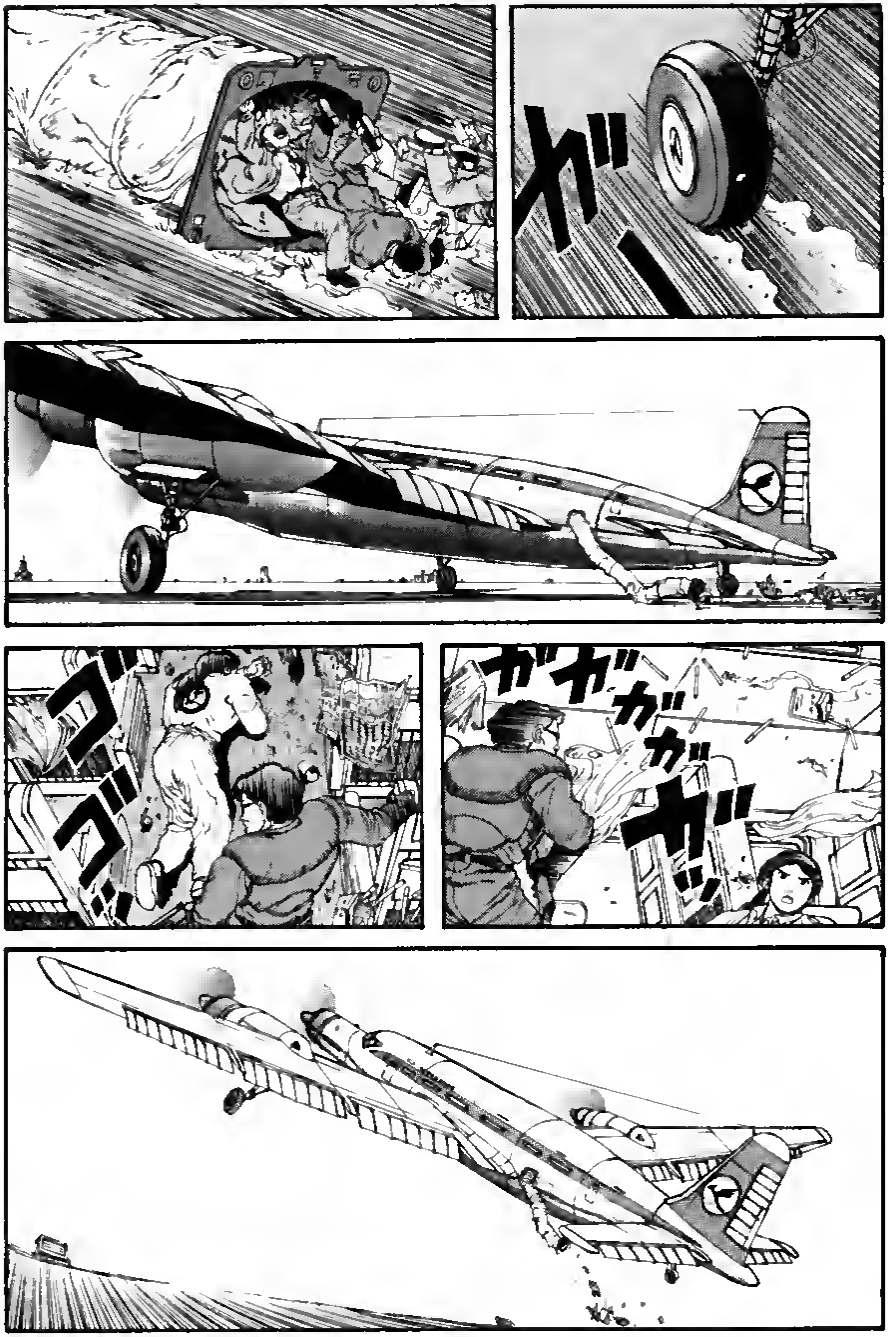
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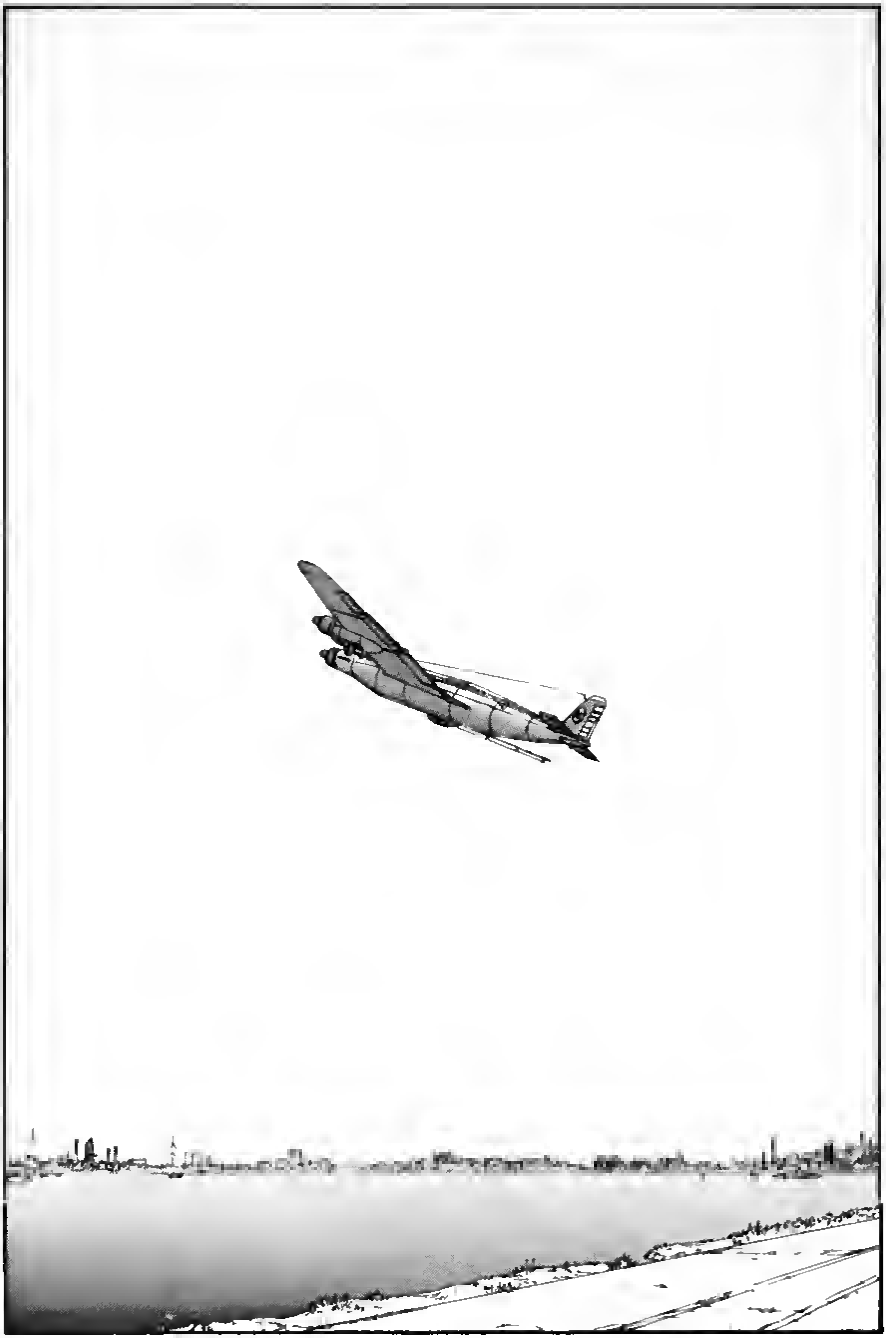

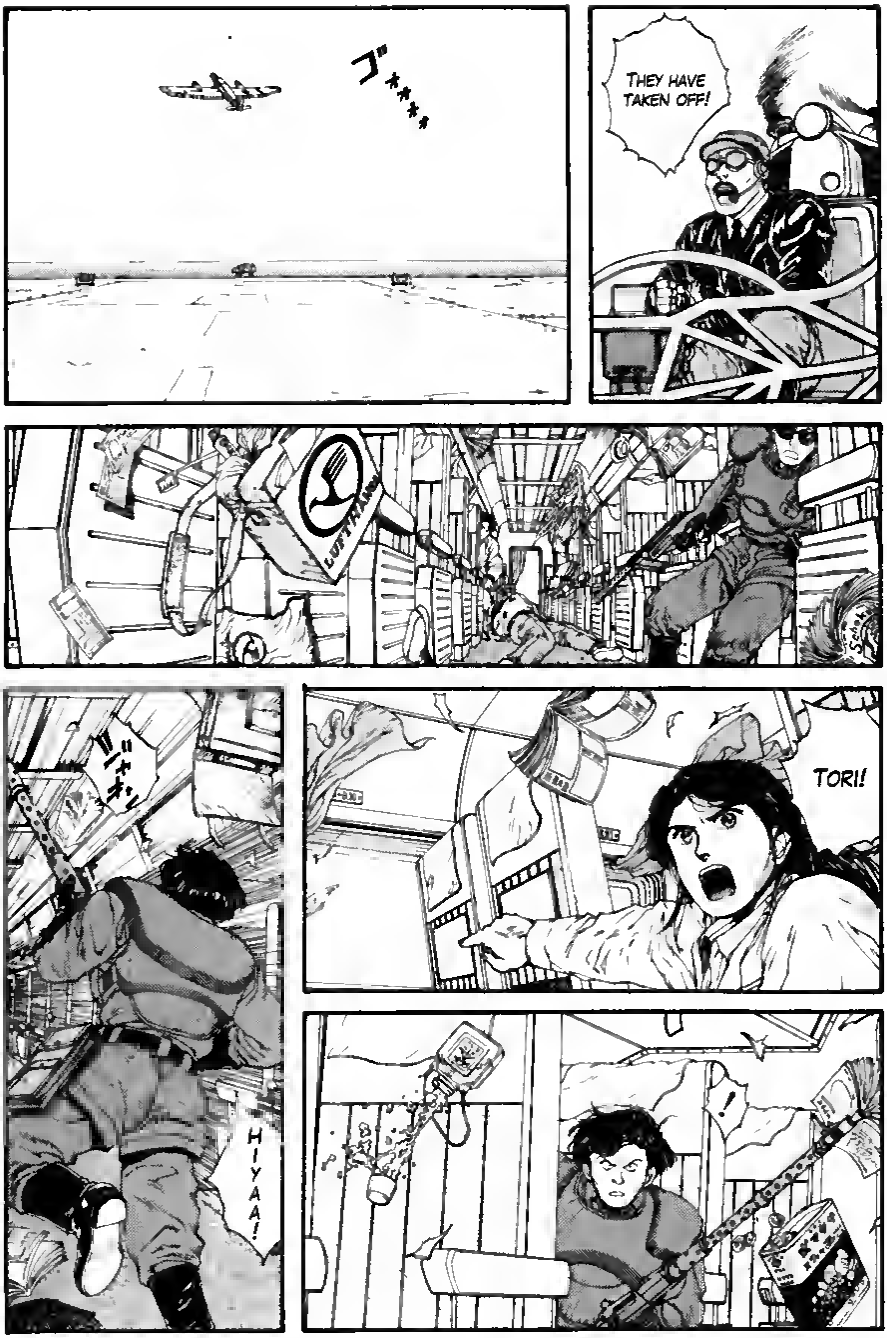
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THEY HAVE TAKEN OFF!
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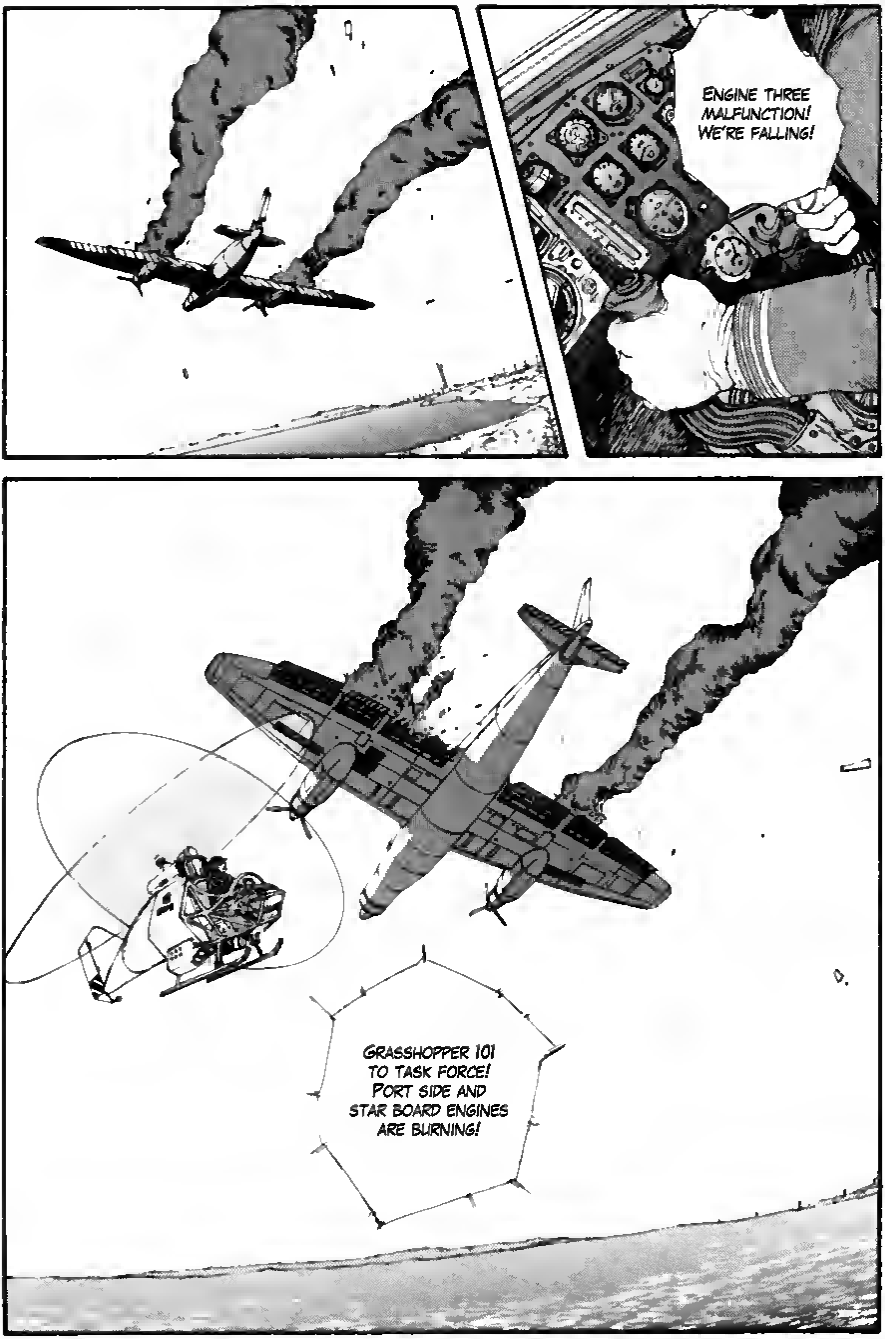
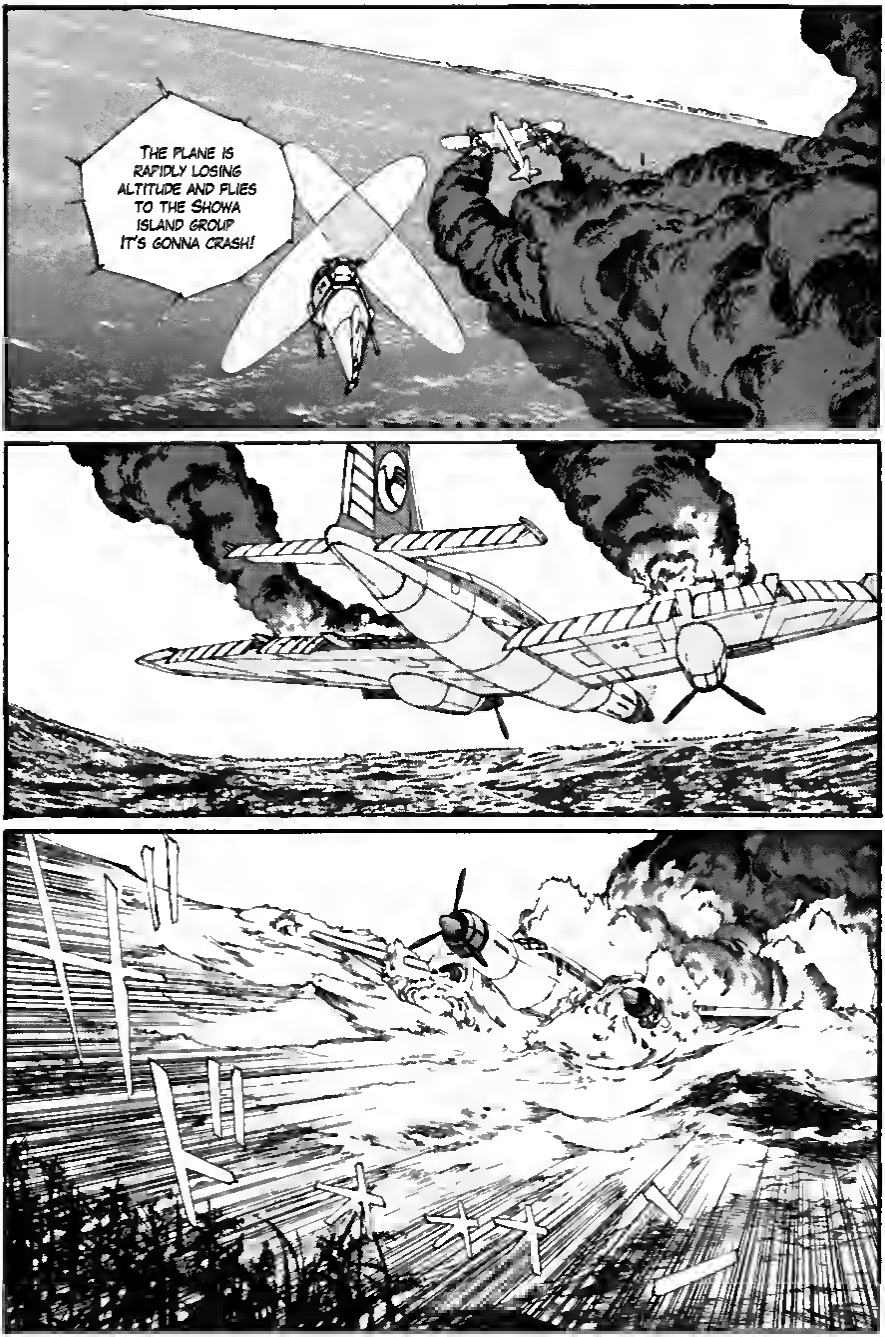
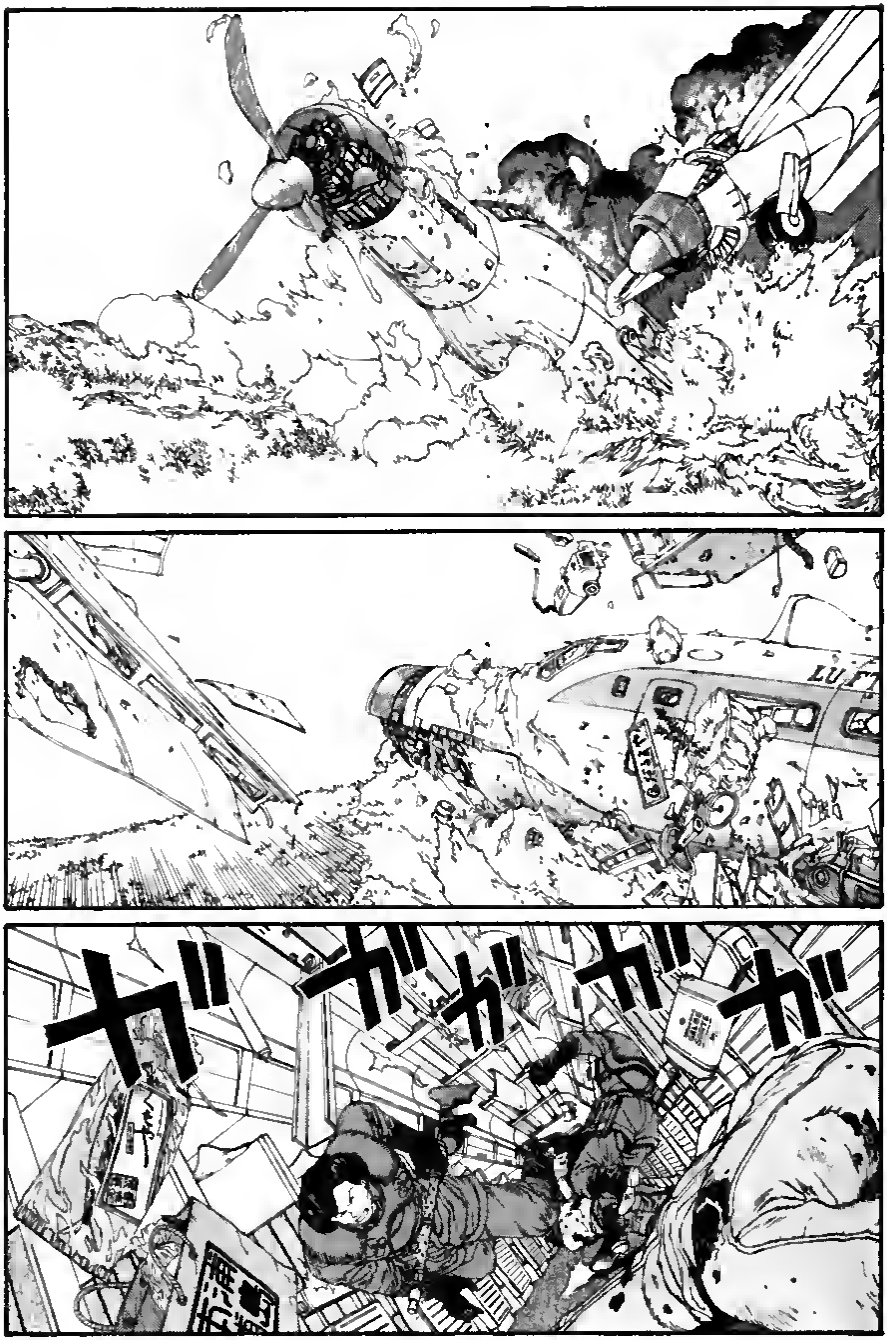
ENGINE 2 IS BURNING AND THE PORT SIDE AILERON DOESN'T REACT!
THOSE BASTARDS... JUST DON'T WANNA GIVE UP...


ENGINE THREE MALFUNCTION! WE'RE FALLING!
GRASSHOPPER 101 TO TASK FORCE! PORT SIDE AND STAR BOARD ENGINES ARE BURNING!


THE PLANE IS RAPIDLY LOSING ALTITUDE AND FLIES TO THE SHOWA ISLAND GROUP IT'S GONNA CRASH!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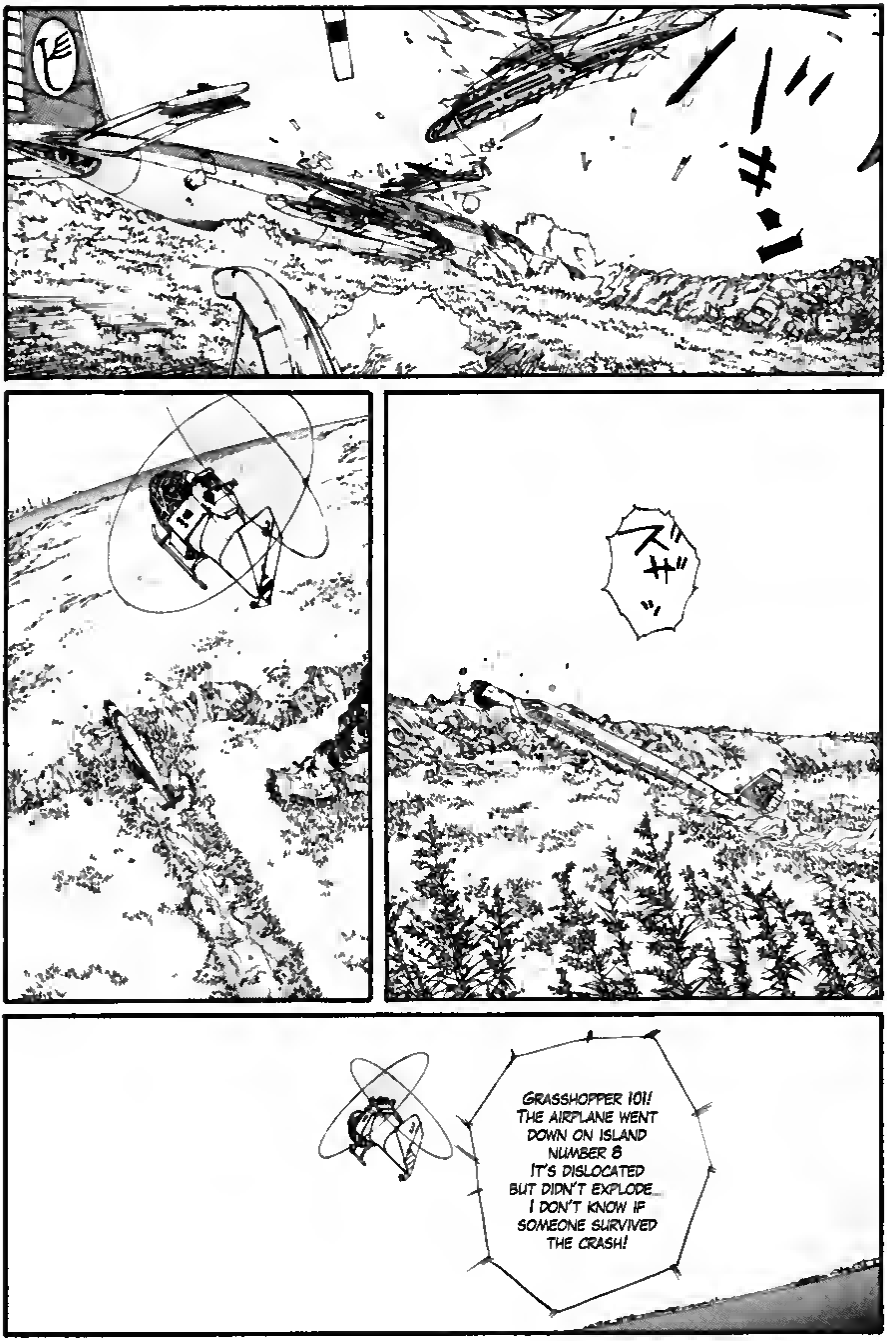
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GRASSHOPPER 101!
THE AIRPLANE WENT
DOWN ON ISLAND
NUMBER 8
IT'S DISLOCATED
BUT DIDN'T EXPLODE...
I DON'T KNOW IF
SOMEONE SURVIVED
THE CRASH!

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ALL WAGONS, FULL THROTTLE!
TELL HIM TO FOLLOW AND KEEP VISUAL CONTACT!
G 101 IS ROTATING OVER THE CRASH LOCATION -- HE'S REPORTING THAT A MAN WHO MIGHT HAVE BEEN A MEMBER OF THE KIDNAPPERS HAS GOT OFF OF THE WRECK AND IS RUNNING TOWARDS SHOWA!
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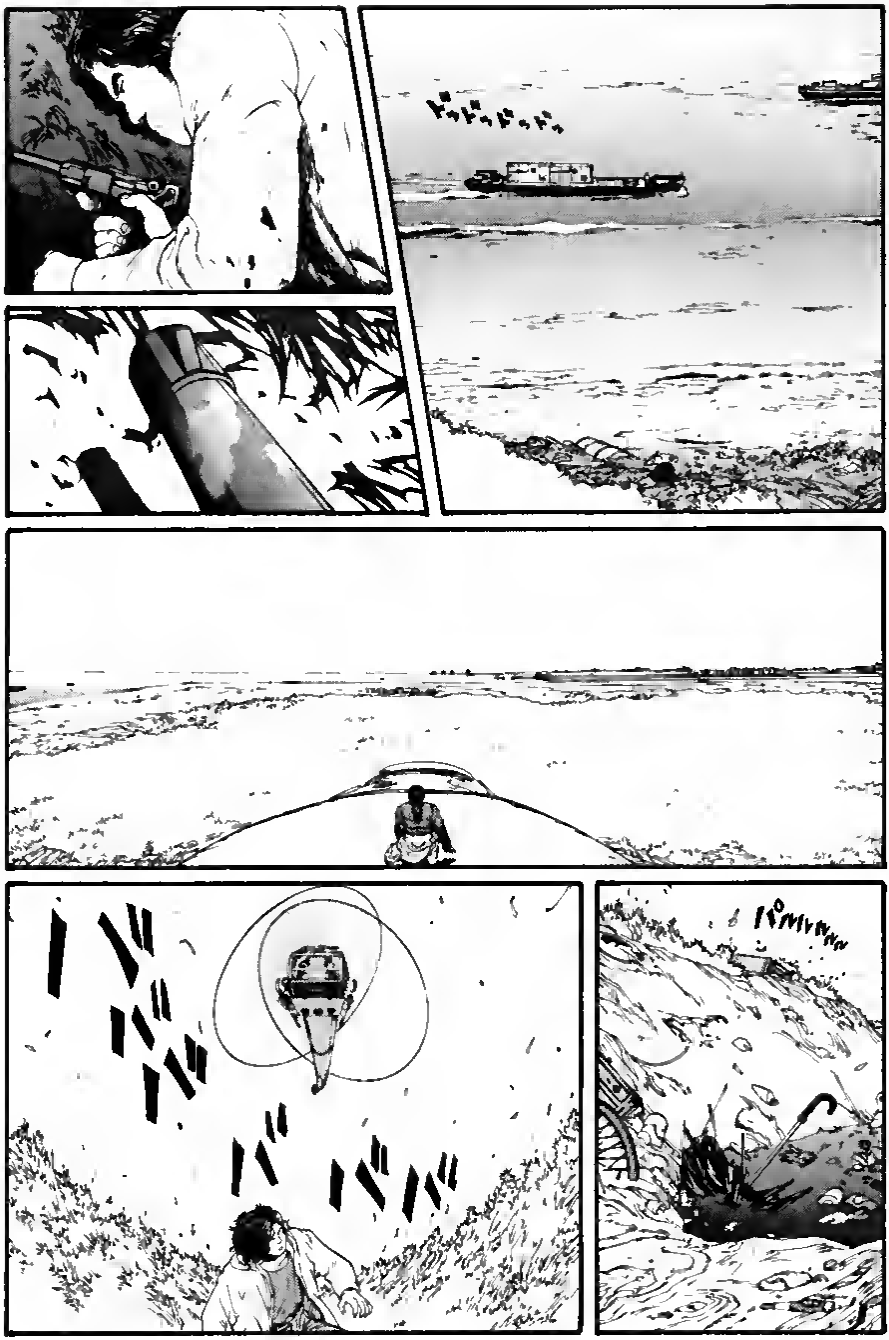
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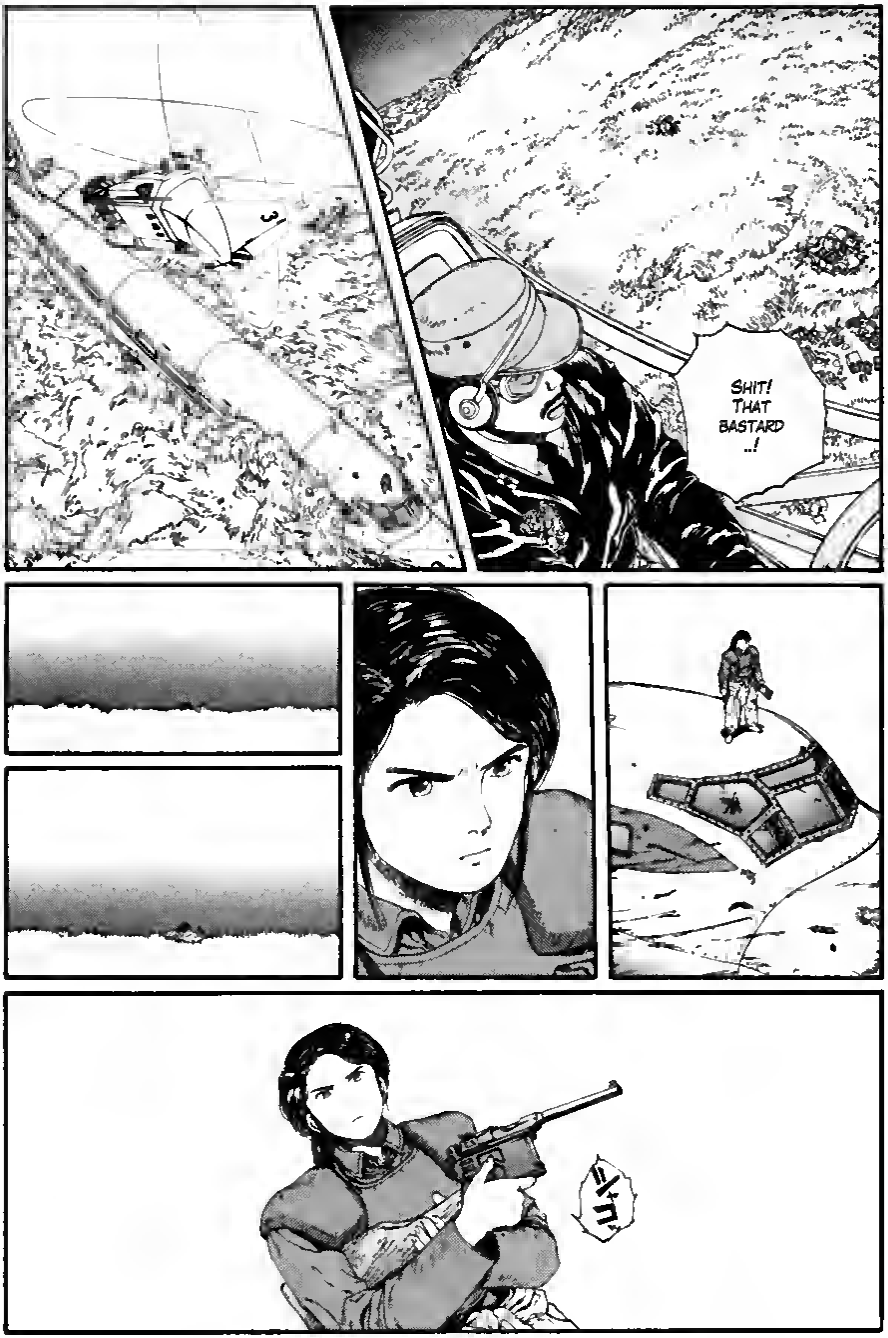
SHIT! THAT BASTARD ..!
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ARE THOSE OUR PEOPLE ?
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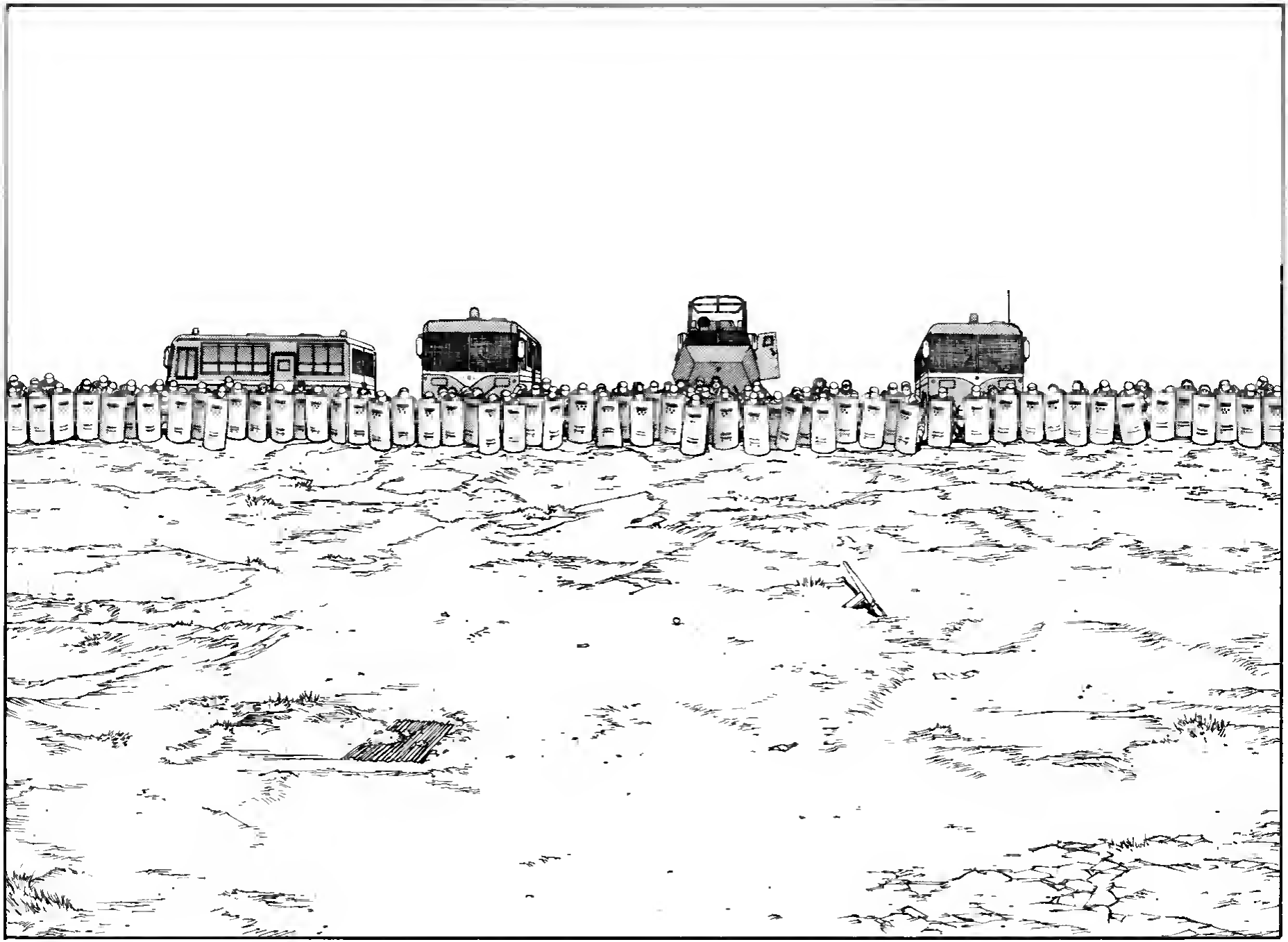

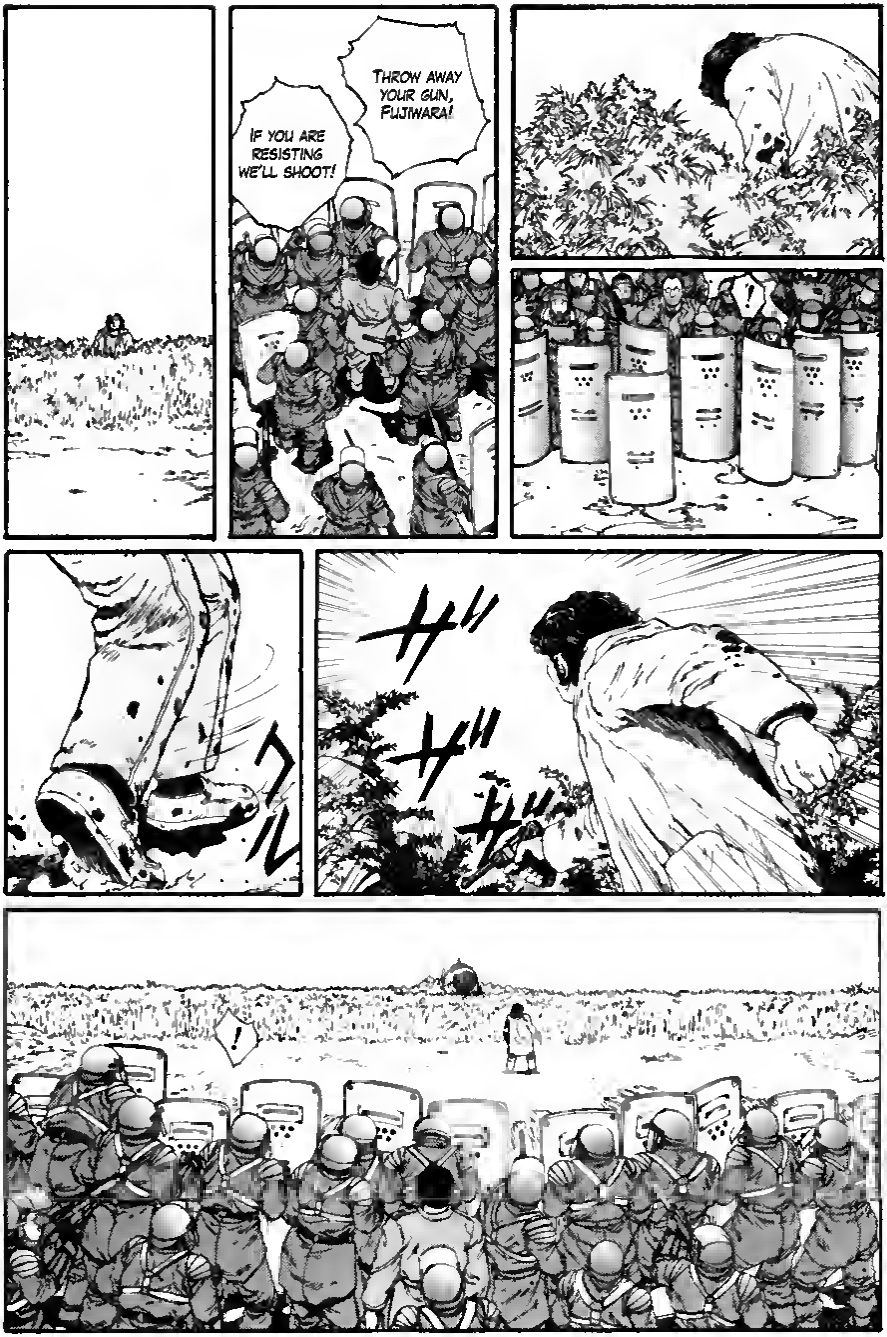
IF YOU ARE RESISTING WE'LL SHOOT!
THROW AWAY YOUR GUN, FUJIWARA!
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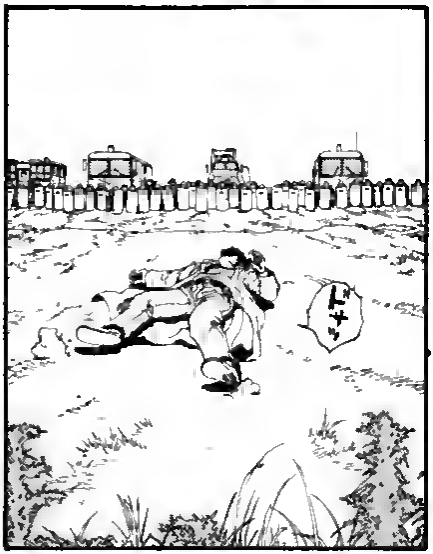
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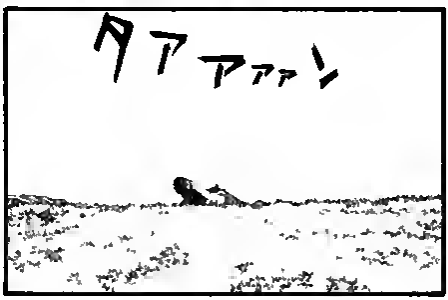
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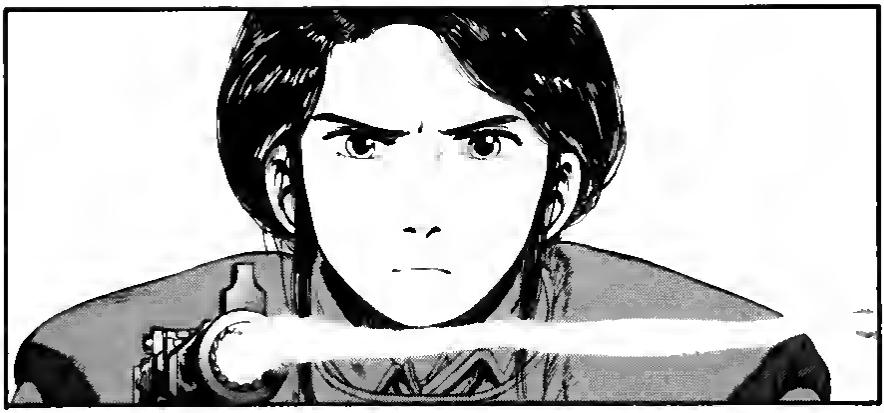
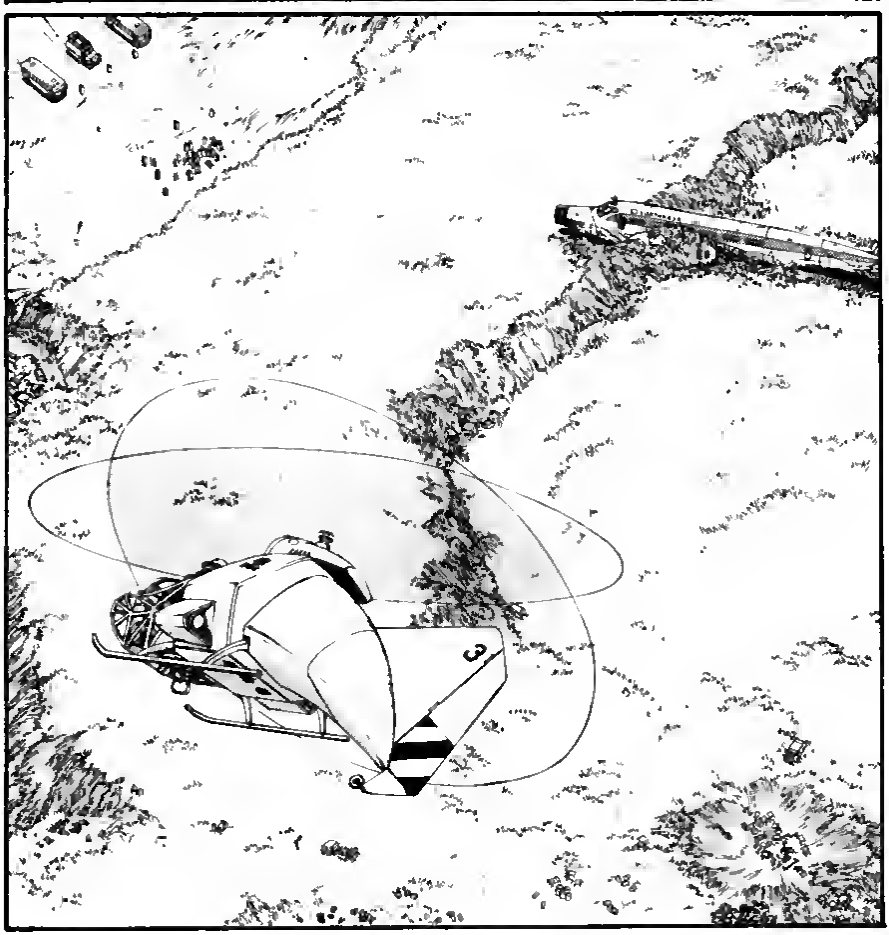
DID YOU GET HIM MIDORI?





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CHAPTER 3
STRAY DOG

BY: MAMORU OSHII

ARIAKE LANDFILL #XX.
ONCE CREATED TO CARRY THE FUTURE OF THE CAPITAL, THE PROJECT RAN INTO SOME OBSTACLES AND IS NOW A RECTANGULAR MASS OF LAND, HALF SUBMERGED UNDER WATER. IT WAS "HIS" TERRITORY.

DUSK.
"HE" OPTS TO WALK ALONG THE SOFT GROUND AT THE WATER'S EDGE.
STEPPING AROUND THE WIND-SHAKEN CLUSTERS OF GOLDENROD, MAKING TINY RIPPLES IN THE OIL-POLLUTED WATER PUDDLES, "HE" WALKS ON. THICK NECK, DROOPING TAIL, THOSE POWERFUL KICKING LEGS.
IN A LANDSCAPE DYED MONOCHROME THE BLACK STRAY DOG CROSSES THE WATERLOGGED PLATEAU.

TO WALK IS THE STRAY DOG'S MISSION.
TO WALK AS LONG AS HE'S ALIVE, TO WALK TO SEPARATE HIMSELF FROM THE LANDSCAPE.

A DOG THAT STOPS WALKING IS A DEAD DOG.
A DOG THAT STOPS WALKING GOES COLD AND BECOMES PART OF THE LANDSCAPE AGAIN.

AND SO HIS FOOTSTEPS ARE DEEP, HIS STRIDE LONG.

RUSTED CONTAINERS AND DECAYED SEWAGE PIPES.
THE REMAINS OF A BREAKWATER, WHICH ONCE PREVENTED WATER'S ENDLESS EROSION FROM CARRYING AWAY THE TOPSOIL. A SHALLOWLY-WATERLOGGED LAYER OF REAL EARTH EVENTUALLY COMES INTO THE WALKING BLACK DOG'S VISION. THE ENDLESS WASTE THAT THE CAPITAL HAD ONCE SPIT OUT.
A PILE OF FRAGMENTS FROM A PAST WASHED AWAY BY THE CURRENT OF TIME. IT WASN'T A DISTANT PAST, UNTIL JUST A LITTLE WHILE AGO, IT WAS THE PRESENT, AND YET NOW IT'S NOTHING MORE THAN A MILLION RELICS, SILENT CRIES LIKE CURSES INSIDE, FORMING THE RUINS OF TIME. IN THAT BOTH NOSTALGIC AND WRETCHED LANDSCAPE, (IN THE FROZEN FLOW OF TIME), A SINGLE BLACK DOG PASSES THROUGH.
"OR MAYBE, IT'S AN ENORMOUS, WASHED-AWAY PILE OF PIECES OF MEMORY, THROWN AWAY BY PEOPLE, UNWANTED.

"IF THE BAY IS THE MOUTH OF A BEAST, THEN THE LANDFILLS STANDING AROUND IT IN THE SEA ARE THE FANGS OF TOKYO." (FROM SHINYA FUJIWARA'S "DRIFTING IN TOKYO")

MAYBE THERE WAS A TIME WHEN PEOPLE PILED UP THOSE PIECES OF MEMORIES, AND TRIED TO BUILD THIS CITY'S FUTURE ON TOP."

"EVEN ON FROZEN LAND THAT'S BEEN ABANDONED, FORGOTTEN, AND DENIED A FUTURE, TIME FLOWS GENTLY ONWARD, ONLY TO THE PAST."

"'HE' IS THE DESCENDENT OF THE GROUP OF STRAY DOGS WHO FOUND THEMSELVES WASHED UP ONTO THIS LAND, OR MAYBE HAD EVEN WANDERED THEIR WAY THERE BY THEMSELVES, AND IT IS THAT FLOW OF TIME THAT HE NOW WADES THROUGH."

UNDERNEATH THE RIPPLES THAT "HIS" WALKING CAUSES, THE GREAT LANDFILL, OR MAYBE EVEN THE WORLD ITSELF, TREMORS, UNSTEADY, LIKE SOME ABANDONED, FAR-AWAY MEMORY.
THE BLACK DOG WADES THROUGH THE WATERLOGGED LANDSCAPE, SETTING OFF MORE RIPPLES.

SOMETHING LIKE AN OLD RAG DRIFTS "HIS" WAY.
THE BLACK DOG PRESSES HIS SNOUT TO IT, INSPECTING ITS SMELL.
IT'S THE CORPSE OF A MAN TORN APART BY COUNTLESS BULLETS. IT HAD LANDED FACE DOWN.
THE BLACK DOG RAISES "HIS" HEAD.

SOAKED IN WATER UP TO THEIR KNEES OR EVEN TO THEIR CHESTS, BUNMEI AND AT LEAST A DOZEN OTHER SECURITY DEPARTMENT STAFF MEMBERS ARE LOOKING DOWN AT THE CORPSE. THE BLACK DOG PASSES BY THEM AS THEY STAND SIDE BY SIDE, LIKE STATUES.
BUNMEI RAISES HIS HEAD AND INSPECTS AROUND HIM.
THE CLUSTERS OF GOLDENROD STIR IN THE WIND.

A PLOT OF RECLAMATION GROUND, DOTTED WITH RUST-TAINTED WATER PUDDLES.
TWO BLACK CARS STAND OUT.
NOT FAR AWAY, BUNMEI IS HOLDING A SECRET MEETING WITH SOME TOP OFFICIALS FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

NEXT TO BUNMEI'S CAR, A YOUNG STAFF MEMBER, TSUJIMURA, IS LOOKING AROUND WARILY, EYES SHARP
"IT'S PROBABLY JUST A DOG. THERE'S A LOT OF THEM AROUND HERE, THEY EITHER GET ABANDONED OR WANDER THEIR WAY HERE. I HEAR THAT THERE'S SOME PACKS THAT HAVE GONE WILD AFTER A FEW GENERATIONS, TOO."
BUNMEI: "..."
"BUT ANYWAY, HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT IT?"

(WHILE CHANGING THEIR POSITIONS EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE)

"WE'RE RUNNING A BIG RISK OURSELVES, TOO. THINK ABOUT WHAT IT MEANS FOR US FROM THE SECURITY DEPARTMENT TO KEEP SECRETLY MEETING WITH THE HIGHER-UPS FROM THE METRO POLICE, WITH CIRCUMSTANCES BEING WHAT THEY ARE."
"LIKE I'VE ALREADY TOLD YOU, WE'D LIKE TO THINK OF OURSELVES AS ACTING SEPARATELY FROM THE GUYS IN THE BACK AT THE OFFICE PLANNING TO SCRAP THE METRO POLICE. PUTTING ASIDE WHAT HAPPENED DURING ITS CREATION, IT'S PERFECTLY CLEAR TO US THAT THE METRO POLICE HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFULLY MAINTAINING ORDER IN THIS COUNTRY FOR THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS, AND WE SEE THAT AS BEING DUE IN LARGE PART TO THE PUBLIC SECURITY DEPARTMENT THAT YOU ORGANIZED. WE THINK QUITE A BIT OF YOU AND YOUR DEPARTMENT."
"THE CAPITAL MAY BE STARTING TO HEAD IN A MORE TRANQUIL DIRECTION, THE ANTI-GOVERNMENT FORCE'S POWER IS STILL SOMETHING TO BE FEARED. IT'S CLEAR FROM THE INCREASING FREQUENT ACTS OF SABOTAGE THAT GOING UNDERGROUND HAS ONLY HELPED STRENGTHEN THEIR ORGANIZATION."
"THE SITUATION SURROUNDING US IS CHANGING IN A BIG WAY. WHAT WE NEED TO DO IS AVOID VIOLENT HEAD-ON CONFRONTATION WHILE ESTABLISHING A CIVIL ORDER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. OUR BIGGEST OBSTACLES IN ACHIEVING THAT IS ORGANIZATIONAL INTEGRATION, AND UNIFYING THE CHAIN OF COMMAND."
"THE GUYS BACK AT HQ SCRAMBLING TO CRUSH THE METRO POLICE DON'T UNDERSTAND THAT!"
"WHILE I CAN'T CLAIM THERE'S THAT MANY OF THEM, WE'VE BEEN STEADILY FINDING THOSE WHO TAKE PUBLIC ORDER SERIOUSLY AND ARE TRULY WORRIED OVER THE STATE'S FUTURE, AND HAVE BEEN BRINGING THEM UNDER OUR SWAY. NOW, IF WE COULD JUST GET YOUR PUBLIC SECURITY DEPT AND DEPT. CHIEF ANIYA'S POLITICAL POWER TOGETHER..."
"WE'RE GOING TO COMBINE WITH THE METRO POLICE INTO ONE ORGANIZATION, AND GIVE THE SYSTEM A THOROUGH OVERHAUL. I'VE GOT SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SECURITY DEPT.'S CONSENT, ALTHOUGH ONLY UNOFFICIALLY. . AND WITH A CATCH."

BUNMEI: "...THE SPECIAL ARMED GARRISON, I ASSUME."
THE OFFICIALS GO SILENT.
A GIANT TRANSPORT PLANE IS FLOATING OVER HEAD, ALMOST AS IF AT REST.
BUNMEI AND TSUJIMURA LOOK UP, NEAR THE CAR.
THE MEN ARE ALREADY NOWHERE TO BE SEEN

BUNMEI: "...WHAT DO YOU THINK?"
TSUJIMURA: "HUH? (UNDERSTANDS) ...THEY'RE ALL TALK, A BUNCH OF GOOD-FOR-NOTHING BUMS. ONE LOOK FROM THE INVESTIGATION DEPT'S DIRECTION AND THEY RUN OFF TO THEIR DOGHOUSES WITH THEIR TAILS BETWEEN THEIR LEGS. COULD THE PUBLIC SECURITY DEPT. HAVE MADE SOME KIND OF PLEDGE TO HQ AS A FEINT TOO?"
BUNMEI: "MORE THAN LIKELY, BUT IF THERE'S ONE THING THEY'RE GOOD AT, IT'S KNOWING WHICH WAY THE WIND'S BLOWING."
TSUJIMURA: "...?!"

BUNMEI: "TWO DOGS CAN'T FIT IN THE SAME DOGHOUSE.
BUT IF IT COMES DOWN TO THE TWO DOG'S BLOOD .. THEN ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS HAVE THE DOGS MATE.
OF COURSE, WHICH ONE'S LINEAGE GETS PASSED DOWN IS HARD TO SAY."
TSUJIMURA: "ARE YOU SAYING WHAT I THINK YOU'RE SAYING?"

BUNMEI: "NO MATTER HOW MUCH POWERFUL AN ANIMAL MAY BE, IF IT DOESN'T MANAGE TO PASS THAT BLOOD ON, IT WILL EVENTUALLY PERISH. APPARENTLY SOME KINDS OF ANIMALS WILL KILL THE CHILDREN OF ALL THE FEMALES UNDER HIS COMMAND UPON BECOMING PACK LEADER. SOMETIMES ORGANIZATIONS WILL DO THE SAME THING.
.. DO YOU KNOW WHY I MADE AN EXCEPTION AND BROUGHT YOU - STILL A ROOKIE - WITH ME TODAY?
TSUJIMURA: "....."

BUNMEI: "I HEAR YOU HAVE A LOT OF FRIENDS IN THE SPECIAL ARMED GARRISON."
TSUJIMURA: "WELL, IT'S TRUE THAT I'VE GRADUATED FROM THE "TRAINING SCHOOL", AND A LOT OF THE PEOPLE I WENT THERE WITH WENT ON TO JOIN THE SPG..."
BUNMEI: "YOU HAPPENED TO BUMP INTO ONE OUTSIDE WHILE OFF DUTY. AND THAT FRIEND HAPPENED TO BELONG TO THE 9TH PLATOON, AND YOU JUST HAPPENED TO FORGET YOUR DUTY TO REPORT TO YOUR SUPERIOR ABOUT YOUR FRIENDLY RELATIONSHIP, HUH?"
TSUJIMURA: "...."

TIME PASSES WITH A BIZARRE LAG.
BUNMEI RAISES HIS HEAD AGAIN, INSPECTING HIS SURROUNDINGS AGAIN.

TSUJIMURA: "IT'S PROBABLY JUST A DOG. THERE'S A LOT OF THEM AROUND HERE, THEY EITHER GET ABANDONED OR WANDER THEIR WAY HERE.
I HEAR THAT SOME PACKS HAVE GONE WILD OVER A FEW GENERATIONS, TOO."
BUNMEI: "(FREEZES) .. DOGS THAT DON'T WANT A MASTER?"
PUBLIC SECURITY DEPT. MEMBERS WHO'D BEEN HIDING SOMEWHERE UP UNTIL NOW SURROUND THE TWO, GUNS IN HANDS. TSUJIMURA IS DISARMED AND LEAD AWAY.
BUNMEI KEEPS HIS FACE TURNED AWAY THE WHOLE TIME
TSUJIMURA STOPS SUDDENLY AND TURNS AROUND, ...

TSUJIMURA: "(A BIZARRE SMILE ON HIS FACE) CHIEF, WHO IS IT THAT YOU THINK THE DOGS PASS THEIR BLOOD DOWN FOR?"

BUNMEI SLOWLY LIFTS HIS FACE.
A LOOK OF SHOCK, THE FIRST TIME HE'S SHOWN SUCH AN EXPRESSION.

TSUJIMURA SUDDENLY UNLEASHES A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF POWER AND KNOCKS A DEPARTMENT MEMBER DOWN IN A SINGLE BLOW.

HE BLOWS PAST THE FLUSTERED DEPT. MEMBERS, KICKING UP WATER, HEADINGS STRAIGHT FOR BUNMEI, SAYING NOTHING. THE NEXT MOMENT, A MILLION BULLETS RIP HIS BODY APART.
DROPPING TO HIS KNEES, HE TRIES TO GO ON WALKING, BUT INSTEAD HE COLLAPSES INTO THE WATER'S SURFACE.
A SPRAY OF MIST FLIES INTO THE AIR, THE SCENE IS SHAKEN, SHATTERED BY THE WIDENING RIPPLES
THE WHOLE THING IS VIVID AND YET VAGUE, LIKE THE MEMORY OF A DREAM.

MAUSERS BOB IN THE WATER,
MG AMMUNITION BELTS AND THE MILLION BULLETS BLANKETING THE GROUND SHAKE WITH THE LIGHT FROM THE PATTERN-MAKING RIPPLES.

IN A WATERLOGGED LANDSCAPE, A BLACK DOG APPEARS, STEPPING OVER A TINY MOUNTAIN OF RUBBLE.
IN FRONT OF "HIM" ARE THE REMAINS OF AN ARMORED VEHICLE, A FLIPPED-OVER SIDECAR, HEAPS AND HEAPS OF PROTECTIVE GEAR, MGS STANDING SIDE BY SIDE LIKE GRAVESTONES
AND THEN, EVEN BEYOND THAT, BUNCHES OF SKYSCRAPERS, SHAKING LIKE A GIANT MIRAGE.

CHAPTER 3 "STRAY DOG" - END

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またしても犬の話である。

自分の前世は犬だったのではないか、犬の生まれ変わりとしてこの世に生を受けたのではないか。更に一歩すすんで、かく語る今も実は自分は人間の皮を被った犬なのであって、その事を久しく忘れていただけなのではないか。…とそういった類の妄想を彼が抱くようになったのは、比較的最近の事である。そしてそれは、東京の街角から野良犬の姿が消えていった時期に符号していた。

今にして思えば、おそらく偶然にすぎぬこの暗号を（例によって）必然であると強引に思い込んだその時、既に彼は〈犬〉への過剰な思い入れに捉えられていたのだ。

思い入れとか思い込みとかいう奴は、それ自身に関して云えば単なる好みの偏向に過ぎない。どれほど強く意識されようと、それが個人の内面に踏み留まる限り、むしろその精神に独特の翳りを与える無害な自己幻想にすぎない。犬にシンパシーを意識し、自分は犬であると思い込む事で、例えば

「道端で物を喰う事を好む」

「訪れた先で必ずトイレを借りる」

「なんでもかんでも匂いを嗅ぎたがる」

「睡眠中に哭く」

……等々の習癖を正当化し、開き直り、根拠づける程度の事は御愛嬌であり、謂わば血液型や星占い等と同じく趣味の範疇に入る。

しかし、その思い込みを作品として表現し、紡ぎ出した幻想を介して自己を含む現実過程の再統合を目論む、というところまで突き進む事になれば話は別だ。

彼の場合で云えば、この過程はキャラクターの造形から逆算して世界を設定するというアクロバットとして実現された。彼自身、ある特殊な理念を表現する為に歪んだ世界を造形する、という過程に過大な情熱を感じるタイプの演出家であり、下敷にした映画そのものが、「立喰い師」なる正体不明の輩が暗躍するような極めていい加減な世界だったこともあって、事態はより決定的となった。

連載の話を持って来た編集者との会話。

「数年前に貴方が作った映画。あれで描かれた世界を舞台にできませんかね」

「あのォ、あれってハッキリ云って袋叩きにされた映画ですよ。ゴミ並べて作ったゴミのような映画だなんて云う奴もいたし…半分は本当だけど」

「知ってます」

「犬の話になっちゃってもいいですか」

「犬ですか」

「犬みたいな男。犬のようにしか生きられなかった男たちの物語…」

〈犬〉の理念を実現すべく造形された世界であるから、全てが犬を基準に設定される。

「犬的であるか否か」という単純きわまりない理念によって登場人物が設定され、ドラマが演じられる世界がなにやら政治闘争らしきものが漫化した時代が、どのような理念のもとに闘われているのかが描かれることはつとに

立喰い

なく、その闘争の渦中で翻弄されつづける登場人物の心情ばかりが語られる世界。〈犬〉である事、それのみがイデオロギーとして流布され、〈犬主義者〉が跋扈する奇妙な世界。

要するにこの物語は、〈犬〉という観念が総てを支配する倒錯したファンタジーに過ぎないのであり、そこで彼にできることと云えば、彼自身が犬と化して吠えまくることだけだ。だが、この御時世に吠えること程無意味な事はない。

〈猫〉をトーテムとする脚本家との会話。

「迷うとはまた珍しい」

「特定の理念を掲げて真っ向からアジることの無効性なんてのはさ、映画とか漫画とか、要するに不特定多数を対象とする〈物語〉の形式に関わる人間にとっては、殆ど前提となるべき認識に過ぎないと思う訳だ」

「そこまで判ってるならやめりゃいいじゃん」

「たださ、作品を作る動機ってのは現実過程に於ける有効性だけである必要はない訳だし、…それに掲げた理念が〈犬〉であるってところに一種の曖昧さを準備できると思わない？」

「義弁だね。言葉に至らぬ理念だの、実体をともなう抽象性だの…あんたの頭ン中にだけ存在する空論じゃないの」

「そうは思わんが」

「惨目から見りゃ同じよ。特定の政治的心情もしくは理念を〈犬〉ってイメージに託しただけのアジプロじゃない。大体あんたが思い入れだけで突っ走るとロクなことにならないんだから」

そう、彼には前科がある。

彼を知るものなら誰でも知っているであろう。例の「立喰いプロ」への思い入れの一件だ。

『…喧い若者たちが丼、杯の遣りとディスコミュニケーションを求めて集う不穏な空間。世の中が三歩歩けば総てを忘れる〈猫の時代〉へと流れてゆく中にあって、神話と伝説の時を醸成しつづけた都市のアナーキーなエアポケット。遊戯と化した都会の食文化に背を向けて己の丼の中に没入し、飢えを満たすことが心を満たすこととひとつであったあの遠い記憶を、そしてその時人が野良犬と同質であり得たことを蘇らせた特権的空間。その立喰いの世界を鮮やかな軌跡と共に走りぬけ、そして消えていった男たちの伝説…

出された喰いものに何のかんのと難癖をつけ、弁舌さわやかに主人を圧倒し、代金を支払わずに去って行く立喰い師。かりそめの繁栄に揺れる表通りを背に、あるいは路地裏の片隅、あるいは過疎に悩む地方都市の底深く潜み、中天に懸かった満月を雲が過ぎり犬の遠吠えが風にのって届く夜、暖簾の前に音もなく立つという黒い影。井の底を見つめるその瞳に、人の世を遥か孤高の空を舞う地上最後の猛禽のあの澄み切った悲哀の色を浮かべ…』

笑ってはいけない。

押井守

周囲の人々は困ったもんだで済ませていたが、間違いなく彼は本気だったのだ。

紙数もないので詳細な記述は避けるが、己の手掛ける作品に隙あらばこそと出没させるだけでは飽き足らず彼等立喰いのプロの系譜を辿りつつ、日本の戦後史を新たな視点から再編すべく企図された虚構の歴史ドラマ『立喰い師列伝／全六巻』の企画を真剣に検討していたことや、その為の準備と称して架空の民族学者・柳谷邦夫名義による『闇の系譜―立喰い師の世界』『立喰い師騎馬民族説』等の出版を目論で挫折したという噂は紛れもない事実である。それらの壮大にして奇怪な企画が実現しなかったのは、ただ単に彼の周囲に冒険主義的なプロデューサーが存在しなかったからに過ぎない（と彼は今も信じている）。

本気で語れば語るほど、周囲はそれを冗談だと受けとめる、というのが彼の場合の不幸なパターンなのだが、それにしても、もし仮にこの企画が日の目を見ていたら…、おそらく

「立喰いにこだわり過ぎると身を滅ぼす」と云う友人の忠告通り、彼の演出生命が終わっていたであろう事は想像に難くない。

「ところで、どうして〈立喰いのプロ〉だと駄目で、〈犬〉だとオーケーなのかな」

「プロテクトギアを〈犬〉だと主張しづづけているのはあんただけだよ。そう強弁したい気持ちは判らんでもないけどね」

「大変な誤解だな。あれは〈犬〉のイメージをシンボライズしたとか、そういうもんじゃない。実は〈犬〉そのものなんだぜ」

「ファンタジーにだってその抽象度に応じた階梯ってもんがあるの！…とにかく立喰いの事は忘れなさい」

「で、どうしようか」

「だからなんで相談するわけ？」

「もともと二人で作った話じゃない。…それに今回は本気で吠えちゃいそうな気がしてさ」

「いつだって吠えてるじゃないの」

「作品の中で吠えた事はないの！　それが俺のポリシーだって知ってんだろ」

「だったら吠えないようにやれば」

「それはまあ、無理だな」

「どうして！」

「…だって、犬ってのは吠えるもんだろ」

数日後。

まだ幾分か迷いつつ、彼は喫茶店に来ていた。その目の前に座った美少年風の漫画家が名刺を差し出す。

その名刺には、悪魔の如き黒犬がくっきりと刻印されていた。

（1990・11・5　押井　守）

あとがき

●藤原カムイ

Kamui Fujiwara

時代が曾て昭和だった頃。そろそろ梅雨入りかと思わせる夏隣。一本の電話によって、持ち込まれた企画。押井さんとのジョイントで何か描かないかとのこと。　当時数本の押井作品を目撃していた僕は、少なからずや畏敬の念を抱いていた人物だった。夢はどこかで地続きであると、軽気に思っていた頃、押井さんの見る夢が自分の見る夢に近いものと感じ、いつか、どこかで出逢う予感すらした。それが現実となってしまった今、あの時の感触とは裏腹の悪夢に近い、それも、目醒めても尚、余韻の残る、後味の悪夢にうなされることになろうとは、その時、誰が思っただろうか。いや押井さんと僕以外の人間は、粗方こうなることを予想していたのかもしれないが、とにかく始まってしまったものは、仕様がない。今少しこの心地好くも危いぬかるみに浸っているのも乙だろうと、他人事のように考えつつも直走に走る年の瀬といったとこです。

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